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SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

San Francisco City Hall, Rm. 235

Minutes of Meeting October 4, 1973

Present: Chairman Handley, Kolster, Mahy, O'Donnell, Siegel, Braff, Radetich and Schindel

Absent: Commissioners Roche, Anson

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First Order of Business

Minutes of September 6th meeting approved as mailed.

Old Business

Dr. Siegel reported on meeting with Dr. Smookler in absence of Dr. Curry after September 6th meeting. Intent was to identify space and assistance that Supervisor von-Beroldingen indicated was available from the Health Department. Dr. Smookler took the information and reported back to Dr. Siegel a week to 10 days later that Dr. Curry was unable to find the space at this time.

Dr. Siegel reported on his meeting with Supervisor von Beroldingen earlier today (October 4th). Supervisor von Beroldingen indicated continued support for the Commission and volunteered to contact Dr. Curry if Health Department aid could not be forthcoming.

Commissioner Schindel, as a follow-up to last Commission meeting, met with Supervisor Kopp, who expressed support for the Commission, suggesting a $10,000 budget.

Commission Membership

Chairman Handley resigned the chairmanship and Dr. Siegel was elected new chairman, with Chairman Handley reverting to her Vice-Chairman-Secretary role.

Ms. Handley reported receiving a phone call from the Clerk's office, in which it was pointed out that she and Commissioner Mahy's terms had expired in March. Animal Commission discussion concluded that they continue to serve until replacements are appointed.

It was noted that there was a vacancy with the resignation of Mr. Dagovitz. Chairman Siegel will be submitting the name of Lurilla Harris as a possible nominee in a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting a replacement for Mr. Dagovitz.

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Ms. Handley reported on a letter sent to Sergeant Roche in reference to his continued absence from Commission meetings. His absence today reflects his being on vacation. Chairman Siegel will call next week to determine Sergeant Roche's attitude.

Budget

Chairman Siegel appointed a committee including Commissioners Handley, Mahy and Schindel to work with him in preparing a supplemental budget - January 1 - June 30, 1974, and an annual budget - July 1, 1974 - June, 1975. Commissioner O'Donnell will offer technical assistance.

Special Meeting

A proposed special meeting devoted to sterilization services and programs in San-Francisco is being planned, which will involve many community groups.

Bird Sanctuary

Ms. Handley reported that the Park and Recreation Commission expressed that there were adequate laws relating to the protection of birds, and therefore the special designation of a bird sanctuary at the Palace of Fine Arts was not appropriate.

Pigeon Control

Ms. Handley reported that a letter to the individual currently having the pigeon control contract has gone unanswered despite expressions of willingness to cooperate in inspecting pigeon trapping in San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

San Francisco City Hall 94102

Minutes of Meeting November 1, 1973

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Braff, Handley, Mahy, Schindel
Absent: Commissioners Kolster, O'Donnell, Radetich, Roche

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Agenda: Progress Article
Bernal Heights Animal Control
Palace of Fine Arts Bird Sanctuary
Budget
Spay Program/Clinic

Progress Article

Lee Wakefield of the S.F. Progress wrote an article on the political activities of Com. Handley giving the impression that she acted as a Commissioner rather than a private citizen. A letter will be sent to the Editor stating that the Commission played no part in her activities. (Note: After meeting with the Progress Editor and explaining several errors and misquotes in Mr. Wakefield's article, the Progress printed a letter from Com. Handley and also from ex-Chairman Dagovitz. They retracted part of the article and have apdogized for any inconvenience.)

Bernal Heights Animal Control

There has been considerable trouble with loose dogs in Bernal Heights area. A letter will go to the Bernal Heights Improvement Club expressing our interest and cooperation. Com. Schindel has stated he would like to visit the SPCA to learn more about them first hand and establish communication.

Palace of Fine Arts Bird Sanctuary

The Commission's proposal to establish the Palace of Fine Arts Lagoon as a Bird Sanctuary came before the Health and Environment Committee. Com. Handley represented the Commission and stated that since it is the opinion of the Park and Recreation Commission that no sanctuary be established due to already adequate legal coverage the Animal Control & Welfare Commission dropped its proposal on the basis that no improvements would be made by declaring it a City Sanctuary. She asked rather that the Park and Recreation be encouraged to build a needed fence around the Lagoon's nesting area where many birds and eggs have been destroyed. This fence has been planned by the Dept. for almost a year and has been encouraged by the SPCA. Supervisor von Beroldingen asked that she receive a copy of the communication from the Dept. to the SPCA stating their intention to build a fence before sending a request that the fence be built. (Note: Com. Handley spoke with Eugene Sanders of the SPCA who forwarded their communication to the Health & Environment Committee.)

Budget

A supplemental budget has been prepared and an appointment will be made with Supervisor von Beroldingen to discuss it.

Spay Program/Clinic

The Commission was very pleased with the information received from the special meeting on the subject of spay clinics and programs. There was discussion on the differences between operations in a veterinary hosp. and a clinic set up to perform mass spays (ovario-hysterectomy). It was concluded that a veterinary hospital is not set up to do mass spay operations. In order for the Commission to see what is necessary an appointment has been made by Chairman Siegel with Dr. Hand of the Peninsula Spay Clinic (440 Peninsula Ave., San Mateo 348-8022) on Nov. 26, 9 a.m. Please contact fellow Commissioners to facilitate transportation.

Next Meeting: December 6, 1973, 2:15 p.m., Thursday, San Francisco Main Library

San Francisco City Hall 94102

Minutes of Meeting December 6, 1973

Present: Chairman Siegel, O'Donnell, Anson, Handley, Roche, Mahy, Braff
Absent: Schindel, Kolster, Radetich

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Agenda: Budget
Spay Program/Clinic
Citation Program
Differential License Law
Quarterly Report
Ornitrol
Decompression Chamber

Budget

Chairman Siegel presented a proposed budget for the Commission to cover January to June with a total of $7,478. The proposed budget was unanimously accepted by the Commission. Supervisor von Beroldingen has spoken to Dr. Curry of the Health Dept. concerning space for office and was told that space is available. Chairman Siegel will call on Supervisor von Beroldingen to confirm the space and obtain details on its availability.

Spay Program/Clinic

Chairman Siegel, Mahy and Handley went to the Peninsula Spay Clinic in San Mateo to observe the Clinic and spay operation in progress. All Commissioners were pleased to find everything very clean and well-run by Dr. Bill Hand. At present the Clinic does around 15 spays a day but can break even financially with 8 spays. Eventually, thay may be able to do a maximum of 40. Chairman Siegel will arrange an appointment for the Commissioners to see a spay operation at a regular veterinary clinic, perhaps Ocean Ave. Pet Hospital. A letter will be sent to Dr. McElroy, President of the San Francisco Veterinary Assn., asking him to discuss the Association's position on spay programs and what recommendations they could make. Also, the Commission is interested to learn if there is any difference in the number of spay operations the last few years. The Commission should be able to make a recommendation to the Board by April.

Citation Program

Sgt. Roche reported to the Commission that citations will be given by animal control officers after they are sworn in. The Judicial Council has approvedthe swearing-in of police powers to the animal control officers. Handley reported that the SPCA is waiting for the proper forms to be printed. Thus far police officers have issued approximately 50 citations for dogs off leashes primarily in the Golden Gate Park.

Differential License Law

Senator Nejedley's bill to provide at least half-price license for altered pets goes into effect Jan. 1, 1974. It should be enforced with the next licensing period this July, 1974. A suggested difference was $3 for altered and $10 for unaltered. Dr. Braff will issue a press release with this suggested difference and ask for public opinion.

Quarterly Report

A quarterly report will be sent to the Board of Supervisors covering Oct., Nov., Dec.

Ornitrol

Handley gave a report on Ornitrol based on research through several European cities that have used it. The general consensus is that it is difficult to administer. The City is better off with a good humane trapping program, but thus far we have received no word of cooperation from Mr. Constable to inspect the program. CAO is helping us.

Decompression Chamber

Handley has closely viewed the decompression chamber three times, the latest at the SF-SPCA, and reported she is not at all assured it is humane every time.

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SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

101 Grove St., Room 207, San Francisco, California 94102

Minutes of Meeting February 7, 1974

Present: Chairman Siegel, Anson, Braff, Handley, Mahy, Radetich, Schindel
Absent: Kolster, O'Donnell, Roche

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Agenda: Grand Jury Report on SF-SPCA Animal Control
Citation Program
Budget
Committee Setup
Dog Parks
Palace of Fine Arts Fence

Grand Jury Report

The Grand Jury issued a one page report on the enforcement of animal control laws. The SF-SPCA signed a contract at $35,023 a month that became effective Sept., 1973. Ciatation forms were in the process of being printed and were expected to arrive after January 1, 1974. The Commission expressed concern that proceeds from the citation programs were to offset the cost of enforcement. The City is spending $35,023 for the last six months and no revenue is coming in from citations to pay for the animal control costs.

Citation Program

Chairman Siegel called the SF-SPCA to inquire when the citation program is expected to begin and was told they are still waiting for the forms to be printed and men to be deputized. It was brought out by Toni Lowenthal, a spectator and receiver of a misdemeanor violation for her dog off the leash, that at present it costs more to be cited with your dog off the leash in your presence than to have your dog running loose and picked up. A citation violation can cost $10, but you can reclaim your dog at the SPCA for less. Chairman Siegel will ask the SPCA if they intend to cite owners of loose dogs when the owners come to pick up their animals. (Note: After the meeting Siegel, Mahy and Handley met with Judge Reynolds who will look into changing violation from misdemeanor to infraction.)

Budget

The Finance Committee approved a budget for the Commission for $3,927 until June. This budget will allow the Commission to hire a part-time secretary. If any Commissioners know of any possibilities please contact Chairman Siegel who will help them to take the necessary Civil Service test. The budget also allows for expenses of telephone and postage. Office space for the Commission is at 101 Grove St., Room 207. It is hoped the office can begin functioning in March.

Committee Setup

Chairm an Siegel suggested that all Comm;issioners make up a list of areas concerning animals in the City, such as zoo, pound, pet shop, etc. Please send this list to him before the next meeting. These areas will be divided up into three committees and the members of each committee will gather expertise on those subjects.

Dog Parks

Toni Lowenthal returned to the Commission for the follow-up of our last meeting. The subject could not be explored in depth with the absince of Mr. O'Donnell. When the committees are set up the committee dealing with the subject of dogparks will approach the Park and Recreation Commission.

Palace of Fine Arts Fence

Virginia Handley reported the good news that the badly needed fence to protect the Palace of Fine Arts nesting areas is being erected by the Park & Recreation Dept.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 1974, 2:15 p.m. IMPORTANT The meeting will be held on the 3rd floor Commission Room

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SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

101 Grove St., Room 207, San Francisco, California 94102

Minutes of Meeting March 7, 1974.

Meeting held in Public Health Dept., 101 Grove St., Room 401.
Called to order approximately 2:30 P.M.

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Anson, Mahy, Schindel, Radetich
Absent: Handley, O'Donnell, Roche, Kolster, Braff

Due to the city strike the meeting was short and informal.

Discussions were held on: Committee Arrangement and

Supplemental budget for the balance of 1973-74 and the new 1974-75 fiscal.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 P.M.

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SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE

101 Grove St., Room 207, San Francisco, California 94102

Minutes of Meeting April 4, 1974

Present: Chairman Siegel, Anson, Braff, Mahy, O'Donnell, Radetich, Schindel
Absent: Handley, Kolster, Roche

In attendance: Harris

Agenda: Appointment of Committee Members
Commission Membership
Board of Supervisors' proposal for amendment of Sec. 48 of Park Code: Disturbing Animals, Birds and Fish Prohibited.
Marin Humane Education Center
Citations
Deputy Officers
Dog Exercise Areas
Animal Control and Welfare Commission brochure
Animal Control and Welfare Commission identification cards

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Appointment of Committee Members

Chairman Siegel appointed members to committees in 3 separate areas of concern:

No. 1--PRIVATE SECTOR--Mahy, Anson, Kolster, and Roche--Advisor
No. 2--CITY GOVERNMENT--Handley, Schindel, Radetich, and O'Donnell--Advisor
No. 3--GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION--Dr. Siegel, and Dr. Braff--Advisor

Dr. Siegel recommended an Advisor for each committee to act as resource person and liaison with Commission. Also that Advisor should attend meeting if possible. Committees will meet individually to study areas of concern and outline method of approach to problems. Reports may be presented to staff secretary of Animal Control Commission, Room 207, 101 Grove St. Subsequent problems for a particular area will be submitted to Committee for consideration. Mr. O'Donnell will assist in making appointments with City Departments. Dr. Siegel recommended two members attend City Department meetings pertinent to their particular committee and staff secretary of Commission be advised of attendance. Necessary appointments will be made by the secretary. Questions regarding approaches through City Depts. are to referred to Mr. O'Donnell. Corrections, changes, etc., are to be discussed with Dr. Siegel. An index of catagories will be maintained in Commission office.

Commission Membership

Dr. Braff recommended that if a member cannot continue to serve on a Committee he be replaced by someone of similar background. Further recommended that the present vacancy be filled and replacement of subsequent expired members be acted upon promptly, as a full compliment was necessary to assure a (5) quorum. Mr. Mahy recommended appointment of Ms. Harris as 11th Commission member be expedited by Board of Supervisors. Dr. Braff suggested absence at meetings be confined to a minimum--"minimum" to be defined specifically.

Amendment to Sec. 48 of Park Code

On March 29, 1974, the Board of Supervisors reported that the Health and Environment Committee met on March 26, 1974, to consider the proposed ordinance amending the Park Code, to prohibit, with certain exceptions, the disturbance or destruction of animals, birds or fish. When the item was called there was no one present to represent the Animal Control and Welfare Commission so the matter was continued to the next meeting of Health and Environment Committee, which will be held Tuesday, April 23, 1974. The Committee requests that a representative of the Commission be in attendance at that time to answer any questions the Committee may have regarding the ordinance. The Board of Supervisors' proposal of amendment would shift responsibility of trapping of moles, rodents and other destructive

Amendment to Sec. 48 of Park Code---continued
small animals from the Park and Rec. Dept. to the Public Health Dept. Mr. O'Donnell reported that Dr. Curry was present at the meeting and was opposed to going to another City Dept. for the trapping of such animals which are so destructive to valuable park plants. It was recommended that the City Government Committee procure a copy of the ordinance from Mr. O'Donnell. In order to have a recommendation ready for the Health and Environment Committee meeting of April 23, 1974, the City Government Committee will meet at 3 P.M. on April 18, 1974, to prepare their recommendations for the meeting of full Animal Control Commission at 4 P.M. on April 18, 1974.

Marin Humane Education Center
The Board of Supervisors reported March 12, 1974, that Supervisor Quentin Kopp advised his colleagues of the Marin Humane Education Center's interest in extending operations to encompass the City and County of San Francisco, and suggested it might be investigated in view of dissatisfaction with the SPCA operation. However, the Board was not interested.

Citations
City and County of S.F. Police Dept. letter to Judge Raymond J. Reynolds, dated Feb. 28, 1974, advised that the original procedure of full processing--printing and photographing--prior to a court appearance for initial violations of Animal Control Ordinance has been abandoned. However, a single thumb print on citation and another taken on hearing, for identification purposes only,--protecting both citizen and Police Dept.--is now being followed.
Mr. Anson reported that 183 citations have been issued thus far. The Police Captain at Mission Station is reluctant to get further involved.

Deputy Officers
In answer to Thomas Mellon's request for clarification of citation powers of the City's Animal Control Officer and his deputies, City Attorney Thomas O'Connor reported on Feb. 25, 1974: A recently passed State law granted local agencies the authority to empower animal control officers to issue citations to appear in court, with the exception that they may not be authorized to take any person into custody. San Francisco Municipal Code empowers the Animal Control Officer and deputies to enforce provisions of certain sections of the Municipal Code. There is a specific provision relating to citation powers for violations of certain sections of the Health Code, using the term "arresting officer". That term could be interpreted to include deputy animal control officer. The provision additionally authorizes such a deputy to take into custody an offender of the Municipal Code. This is specifically prohibited by State legislation. The "dog leash" provision is included in section 985. In effect: deputy animal control officers are empowered only to issue citations to appear in court for violations of Animal Control Ordinance.

Dog Exercise Areas
The Park and Rec. Dept. has established temporary dog exercise areas in Golden Gate Park, bounded approximately by 34th to 38th Avenues and South and Middle Drives, and Buena Vista Park. Although unable to set up areas to accommodate everyone, the Department will review additional places as requested. Future designates will be posted in newspapers. Mr. O'Donnell will undertake the publicity in this area.

Animal Control and Welfare Commission brochure
Mr. Mahy suggested a brochure or pamphlet be printed, outlining the history of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission, for the edification of Commission members and other interested parties.

Identification Cards
Identification cards for presentation by Committee members at appropriate meetings was discussed.

Dr. Braff reminded the Commission that there was still no citation program relating to Public Nuisance and Vicious Dog problems.

Dr. Braff suggested that the by-laws of the Commission be reviewed and brought into final form.

Ms. Harris proposed that the President and Secretary of NAAPPA, North American Animal Protection for Predatory Animals, be added to the Commission mailing list.

Regular Commission meetings will be held on the 1st working Thursday of each month, 2:15 P.M. In view of quarters allotted at 101 Grove St., the possibility of a permanent meeting place in the Public Health Dept. Bldg. will be investigated.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:34 P.M.

N.B. Location for the April 18, 1974 meeting has not been established. Please stop by at Room 207, 101 Grove St. for directions.

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Agenda

Meeting of

SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 207

Thursday, April 18, 1974 Room 300, 101 Grove Street, 4:00 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

1. Proposed change in the Park Code, transferring the responsibility of trapping rats, squirrels, etc., to the Public Health Department.

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SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE

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Minutes of: City Government Committee meeting April 18, 1974, 3 P.M. and special meeting of Animal Control & Welfare Commission April 18, 1974, 4 P.M.

Present: City Government Committee: Handley, Radetich, Schindel, O'Donnell
Commission: Chairman Siegel, Mahy, Anson, Braff

Absent: Kolster, Roche

Agenda: Evaluation of Sec. 48 of Park Code, and its proposed amendment
Discussion of: what animals are involved; how, when, where and why they are trapped; by whom; how they are subsequently disposed of.

Sec. 48 and its proposed amendment

Sec. 48 of the Park Code prohibits disturbing animals, birds, fish, etc., in San Francisco park and recreation areas. As written, this section precludes the Park Department's carrying out its function adequately as tender of park areas. Due to the damage to certain plants and lawns, the Park Department finds it necessary to trap destructive animals, whenever and wherever necessary, by the most humane, economical and effective method. The Department has a qualified exterminator who, upon requisition, executes the trapping of moles, gophers, rats, racoons, squirrels, etc.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 48 would transfer the responsibility for trapping to the Public Health Dept. The Park Dept. has at present the permission of the Public Health Dept. to persue this work. Mr. Schindel asked if the trapper could be transferred to the Health Dept. Dr. Braff said the Health Department has no special knowledge of trapping. He suggested that: the Animal Control Officer be named in the amendment as qualified to execute trappings; "trappings" be modified to be "in a humane way"; all animals "live trapped" be transported to Animal Control Center, except squirrels which would be relocated in the park system. Mr. O'Donnell suggested: eliminating that portion that requires permission of the Health Dept. to trap animals, especially "office employees, agents, --", lines 10, 11, 12; stipulating "live trapped" animals be transported to Animal Center, except squirrels which are relocated to another park facility; trapping be done in a humane and efficient manner. In effect, this has been the procedure of the Park Dept. Dr. Braff pointed out that Sec. 48 was written for protection against the general public but some provision should be made so the Park Dept. is able to function.

Animals involved and procedure for trapping

The regular gardeners have jurisdiction over trapping of gophers and moles. The Victor trap, designed with steel jaws, is placed in the gopher run, a tunnel 6 to 8 inches underground through which the gopher travels. As the gopher progresses through the run, he eventually reaches the trap and inevitably trips the steel jaws, which immediately clamp into his body and cause instant death. Ms. Handley proposed the Kona Bear trap which breaks the neck instantly, but due to the sandy terrain, and the fact that the gopher pushes dirt ahead of him as he progresses, there is the possibility of dirt's fouling the mechanism and merely maiming rather than killing instantly. Bait can be used only in secluded areas because of dogs and children. Gas in the "runs" cannot always be used because of damage to plant life. The "live trap" utilizes a spring door which closes behind the animal, inflicting no injury. Squirrels are "live trapped" and relocated to other park areas. Skunks, racoons, cats, etc., are "live trapped" and immediately transported to Animal Control Center. Rabbits are not trapped as so far they present no problem. However, their number is on the increase.

Animals are trapped only when and where they present a threat to flowers, lawns, etc. Strybing Arboretum and athletic fields are the areas with which the Park has most concern. Valuable plants and flowers in the arboretum would be destroyed; athletic fields would become riddled with holes, causing liability for personal damage. Rats are usually confined to water areas, namely the Boathouse at Stow Lake. Racoons are occasionally trapped in golf courses and Palace of Fine Arts. These trappings are ordered as often as is necessary to maintain park property. Animals in other park areas, as Ft. Miley, etc., present no threat and normally are not trapped.

In an effort to more fully illustrate the trapping practices of the Park Dept. Mr. O'Donnell scheduled a field trip. Participating commissioners will meet at McClaren Lodge, 9:30 A.M., May 7, 1974, Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:30.

Next meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission will be held at 2:15 P.M., Room 300, 101 Grove Street, May 2, 1974, Thursday.

Proposed Agenda: Discussion of changes in Animal Control ordinance
Review of rules and regulations of Animal Commission

N.B. The new telephone number of the Animal Control Commission is: 558-5775

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Meeting of

SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 207, San Francisco, CA 94102 Tel. No. 558-5775

Thursday, May 2, 1974 Room 300, 101 Grove Street 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda: 1. Discussion of changes in Animal Control Ordinance
2. Review of rules and regulations of Animal Commission

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101 Grove St., Room 207, San Francisco, CA 94102 Tel. No. 558-5775

Minutes of: Animal Control and Welfare Commission meeting of May 2, 1974

Present: Acting Chairman Handley, Kolster, Anson, O'Donnell, Mahy, Schindell, Braff
Absent: Siegel, Roche, Radetich

Agenda: Changes in Animal Control Ordinance: Vicious Dogs Sec. 41, 41.5, 41.8, 41.7
Recommended change in 41.91 of Health Code: Finder Clause
Proposed amendment to Sec. 48 of Park Code finalization
Rules and Regulations of Animal Control Commission
Duplication of licensing for Dog Kennels
Press publicity for Commission meetings
S.F.Examiner article re: SPCA citations
Diversion of squirrels from Park to Public Health Hospital for experimental purposes:complaint to Commissioner Mahy
Proposed psychological behavioral research program at S.F. Zoo
Animal Control Commission representation at Health & Environment meetings
SPCA negligence complaint
Quarantine of dogs subsequent to biting
Board of Supervisors' caucus for membership action

Vicious Dogs

The Animal Commission meeting of 1/3/74 revealed that when the new Animal Control Ordinance was drafted and sent to the City Attorney's Office, the section relating to vicious dogs had not been included. Since there was nothing in the new ordinance regarding vicious dogs the Health and Environment Committee suggested this be rectified. The proposal that Mr. Stark consult with Mr. Moscone on this matter was accepted but nothing was done. The Animal Commission should correspond with Supervisor Kopp and ask that appropriate action be taken.

Finder Clause

It was recommended that a letter, amending the Finder Clause of Health Code 41.91 to read: "shall release" instead of "may release" be sent to Supervisor Kopp.

Finalization of draft for proposed amendment to Sec. 48 of Park Code

Commissioner Handley's suggested amendment was accepted with the proviso that the "Board of Supervisors" be supplanted by "Animal Control Commission". Mr. O'Donnell pointed out that the Park Department cannot operate through the Board of Supervisors, as action may have to be taken immediately, as in the case of rabid animals. Consensus of the Commission was that the Park Dept. should be able to take immediate steps to destroy any animal that was obviously a hazard, or dangerous threat, to humans or other animals. The Park Department, following such emergency action, shall file within one week a written report to the Animal Commission, outlining in detail the conditions under which it acted. The Animal Commission will take action if not in accord with the Park Dept. decision. The City Government Committee will draft model legislation at their May 7, 1974, meeting at McLaren Lodge. After final approval by the City Attorney's Office, the proposed amendment will be sent to Supervisor Kopp in time for the Health and Environment meeting of May 30, 1974.

Rules and Regulations of Animal Control Commission

Dr. Braff suggested that if the Rules and Regulations of the Animal Commission cannot be found, the General Adminstration and Policy Committee compile a new set.

Publicity for Commission meetings

In the future notification of Commission meetings will be released to the Press one week before meeting date. Publication is made 36 hours before meeting date.

S.F.Examiner article re: SPCA citations

Mr. Anson read an article which appeared in the S.F.Examiner last week of April,1974, regarding the 50 citations SPCA issued in past month to owners of stray dogs. It explained that the first pick-up of dog results in mere warning. Citations are issued on second offense. If the first paper is ignored a bench warrant is issued. Fines can run from $10.00 for 1st; $25.00 for 2nd; $50.00 for each additional charge. When the animal is retrieved the owner has to pay a $5.00 redemption fee, plus $1.50 a day board, plus $5.00 license if dog does not already have one.

Duplication of Licensing for Dog Kennels

The Animal Commission has received complaints of duplication of Kennel license fees--$50.00 by the Animal Control Officer and $50.00 by the Public Health Dept. The City and County of San Francisco charter provides that services be offset by license fees. The Health Dept. fee includes initial inspection of construction and sanitation conditions of premises and subsequent periodical sanitation inspections. What services are rendered by the Animal Control Officer is obscure. It is presumed it would include periodical inspections to assure humane treatment in the operation of business. No copy of agreement is available in Commission files. It is recommended that the City Government committee meet with the Animal Control Officer and report findings to the Commission. Kennel fees apply to Veterinary Hospitals also, since definition of Kennel is any enclosed premise maintaining 3 or more dogs over 6 months old.

Diversion of squirrels from Park to Public Health Hosp. for experimental purposes

Mr. Mahy reported a complaint that squirrels were being diverted to Public Health Hospital for experimental purposes. Mr. O'Donnell assured the Commission the Park Dept. was not engaged in this activity. Dr. Braff said several years ago a research program involving combing squirrels and using the fleas in experiments was carried on but was discontinued 3 years ago.

Proposed psychological behavioral research program at S.F. Zoo

Commissioner Handley reported that S.F. State students, under the direction of Bob McMorris, zoologist, are about to embark on a psychological behavioral research program using zoo animals. Guidelines are set by Mr. McMorris. She feels the Commission should know more about these activities and perhaps set up official guidelines. Since outsiders are not welcome at research projects she recommended that City Government Committee draft a letter to Jack Spring, with carbon copies to Bob McMorris and Mr. O'Donnell. If Mr. O'Donnell is not satisfied with the set-up he will take necessary measures. Ms. Handley is apprehensive about the study's creating aggressive situations and exploitation of zoo animals. Mr. O'Donnell is confident no group will be able to go too far in the Zoo.

Animal Control Commission representation at Health and Environment Committee meetings

In order to eliminate confusion at Health and Environment meetings, it was recommended by Dr. Braff that participating commissioners abide by the decision set down previously by the Commission. If one has doubts he should ask for a minority opinion to be included at commission meeting. Since the Commission decision is sent to Health & Environment Committee in preparation for that Committee's meeting, any further argument on the part of the Commission at this point is most disconcerting. Personal ideas beyond those agreed upon by the Commission should be submitted to the Committee by personal letter.

SPCA negligence complaint

Ms. Handley reported on a case which came to her attention--involving a dog injured on the street and taken to SPCA. Extensive damage was done to the eyes(visibly so) but due to the fact that the animal arrived the animal shelter after the veterinarian was off duty, medical attention was not given until Monday, 2 days later. Resulting blindness could have been prevented with immediate attention, according to the doctor. The owner did not have the opportunity to get the animal to medical facilities since she was told on her first call to the shelter that her dog was not on the premises, but "you can come down and look". Next day she called and mentioned that his license was of Marin Co. registry. Then she was told the animal was in the back of the shelter.

Quarantine of dogs subsequent to biting

Discussions following the report made of a complaint regarding "dog bites dog" revealed that damages from such incidents constitute a Civil case. The biting animal is quarantined if a human is involved; if dog bites dog, the bitten animal is quarantined, and automatically released after 10 days. Dr. Braff states that as it now stands the quarantine is a punitive measure only.

Board of Supervisors' caucus for membership action

Supervisor Kopp, in his letter of April 24, 1974, advised that he was requesting the President of the Board to schedule a caucus as soon as possible to take up the appointment of one more commissioner and the expiration of the terms of the other commissioners.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission will be held at 2:15 P.M., Room 300, 101 Grove Street, Thursday, June 6, 1974.

Proposed Agenda:
1. Report from Commission Committees
2. Review of Commission Rules and Regulations
3. Changes in Animal Control Ordinance

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Meeting of

SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 207, San Francisco, CA 94102 Tel. No. 558-5775

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Anson, Handley, Mahy, O'Donnell, Radetich
Absent: Braff, Kolster, Roche, Schindel

Agenda: Zoo Research report
Finalization of Sec. 48 of Park Code
Sec. 41, Vicious Dogs, and Sec. 41.91, Finder Clause, of Animal Ord.
Publicity for Commission meetings
Duplication of Dog Kennel Licensing
SPCA representative at Commission meetings and requested report
Marin Humane Society
Report from Commission Committees
Review of Commission Rules and Regulations
Changes in Animal Control Ordinance

Minutes of Commission meeting of May 7, 1974, read and accepted.

Proposed psychological behavioral research program at S.F.Zoo

Correspondence with Jack Spring on May 13, 1974, indicated:concern that some of the "tests" in this program might be in conflict with Animal Welfare Commission policy; hope that guidelines set by the Zoo office could be approved by the Animal Commission. Mr. Spring's letter of May 28, enclosing Guide Lines for Student Research at S.F.Zoo and Objectives and Policies for the S.F.Zoo, assured deep concern for the welfare of Zoo animals; prohibition of research which might prove detrimental to any of the animals; a minimum of manipulation of animals; tests designed for benefit of the animals not humans. Through her contact with Mr. Spring, Ms. Handley also was assured that there would be a minimum handling of animals. Since there has always been cooperation from the Park Commission, due to the efforts of Mr. O'Donnell, as long as Mr. O'Donnell is with the Park Department no problems are anticipated.

Finalization of amendment to Sec. 48 of Park Code

The draft prepared by Mr. Stark, with the insertion of "live" on line 21 regarding trapping, was passed by the Health and Environment Committee on May 30, 1974. Commission representation at meeting was adequate.

Animal Ordinance--Sec. 41, Vicious Dogs; Sec. 41.91, Finder Clause

On May 21, 1974, recommendation for inclusion of "Vicious Propensities" in Sec. 41 and change in wording of 41.91 was sent to Health and Environment Committee for their consideration.

Publicity for Commission meetings

Press release for June 6, Commission meeting was submitted to San Francisco Examiner and printed May 31, 1974.

Duplication of Dog Kennel Licensing

Mr. Reilly still does not have report on costs from Controller's Office. A Public Health meeting, before July, will discuss charges. As soon as he receives this information Mr. Reilly will advise the Commission.

Animal Control Officer representative at Commission Meetings

Letter of May 31, 1974, sent to Charles Friedrichs, requesting a representative at Commission meetings. Selection of person was left to SPCA. Since there must be cooperation between SPCA and Commission, if no response is received it will be necessary to approach CAO.

May 21, letter to Thomas Miller, CAO, requested monthly report of SPCA activities, specifically the number of strays picked up by SPCA as apposed to those held for SPCA by private citizens. Ms. Handley was interested in proportionate number of licensed animals picked up, as she thought SPCA was ig-

Marin Humane Society

Ms. Handley reported that Marin Humane Society has received many letters from San Francisco residents expressing interest in their operations' being extended to San Francisco. Mr. Gill seemed optomistic that the M.H.S. Board might consider the possibility at their next meeting, June 20, 1974.

Solicitation of an Animal Control Officer is in the jurisdiction of the S.F. Board of Supervisors. The matter might be initiated by a letter to Mr. Kopp. Any decision would have to result from discussion between the Board of Supervisors and Health and Invironment Committee.

Report from Committees--Private Sector

Mr. Mahy reported on Private Sector meeting of May 16, 1974. Request was made for guidelines for procedure in carrying out duties of the Committee.

It was suggested the Committee utilize possible GPO literature. The Agriculture Dept. might be source of material about regulations on laboratory animals used for experimental work. Animal Control Ordinance outlines requirements of private pet owners. A survey of: Humane groups (Pets Unlimited, etc.) -- how they operate, how much free care is available, adoption requirements; Pet Hospitals, Shelters and other organizations -- their facilities and what they give and under what conditions and what each is doing; ** Horses--who oversees the operation; will educate members of the Committee and the data on file in office will benefit the entire Commission. Armed with facts and figures the Committee could then approach Pet Shops, etc., to see if they are operating in accordance with existing rules.

At the Committee meeting Mr. Roche suggested a letter to Pet Shops, etc., inviting them to attend meetings of Commission that might be of interest or concern to them. This will be delayed at least until the Committee is more organized and educated. The proposed press meeting, with Chairman Siegel and Committee present, was vetoed as this might constitute a quorum and necessitate a public meeting.

Committee Report--Public Sector

Ms. Handley reported meeting at McLaren Lodge to inspect traps. The Victor trap used by the Park Department proved to produce instant kill, leaving no chance for suffering animals.

It was suggested that the Committee look into areas and duties of agencies under Public Sector. Any suspect matters could be dealt with later. Mr. O'Donnell's secretary has telephone numbers of city organizations. A Public Sector meeting will be held June 17, 1974, 8 P.M. at Avenue Pet Hospital office.

Commission Rules and Regulations

The proposed amended Rules and Regulations read and passed.

Changes in Animal Control Ordinance

Although he felt changes were needed, Mr. Mahy suggested deferring any recommendations until the Private Sector Committee was solidly organized.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45

N.B. Next Commission meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 1974, 2:15 P.M.
Room 400, 101 Grove Street *

**Mr. O'Donnell advises that SPCA overlooks the horses, checks areas, stalls and pens, inspects trails, installs signs. He will talk to SPCA about their activities.

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Absent: Braff, Schindel, O'Donnell

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Agenda: Rules and Regulations of Commission approved
Introduction of Eugene Sander, SPCA representative and Discussion of practices of Animal Control Officer
Public Sector Committee Report
Private Sector Committee Report
Fred Methner letter on Volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps
Low-cost Spay Program
Conflict of Interest Law
Senate Bill No. 1766--Live Wild Animals

Minutes of Commission meeting of June 6, 1974, read; amended to include: "ignoring strays", last line, page 1, omitted through clerical error; approved as corrected.

Rules and Regulations of Commission

Rules and Regulations as amended June 6, read; further amended to read: "first working Thursday", page 2, Sec. 1; approved.

Mr. Eugene Sander, SPCA representative to Commission meeting

Mr. Sander's presence at the Commission meeting proved valuable as he was able to answer Commissioners' questions regarding practices of the Animal Control Officer.

Although the Commission had hoped that the monthly report from SPCA to CAO would include the specific number of animals "picked up" as against those "held by people", no record of this breakdown is kept by SPCA.

Commissioner Handley questioned the validity of the reports she receives from the public that SPCA does not pick up licensed strays. According to Mr. Sander, SPCA does not differentiate. Revenue comes from licensed strays rather than unlicensed. No separate tally is kept of "licensed" and "unlicensed".

It is the practice of SPCA to ask that people confine an animal for pick-up unless it is biting people. It is not practical to respond to calls when animal is at large, as dog would have disappeared by the time the Officer arrived. Since the new contract, and an increase of men and vehicles, SPCA has been more active.

Public Sector Committee Report

The question of where lay the responsibility of advising dog owners that State law required at least 50% reduction in 1974 license fee for altered animals was discussed at the last meeting.

Early renewals through SPCA were not advised of reduction. Press releases went out too late for early applicants. The Tax Collector's insert in 155,000 water bills failed to reach many animal owners since apartment dwellers usually pay no water bill. Water bills are issued for a 2 month period so many notices arrived in July, too late for those who had already renewed.

The Tax Collector's insert specified that in order to take advantage of this reduction "one must bring to the office of the Tax Collector a certificate, etc.". Sec. 215 of Animal Ordinance reads: "in the event a certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian, etc.". It was felt that "bring" suggested "in person" and "present" might be fulfilled by sending to the Tax Collector a xeroxed copy of certificate.

The intent of this bill was to make a reduction in fee attractive enough to encourage more owners to have their animals altered. If the certificate must be brought in person, the expense of so doing might exceed the $2.50 reduction. The Commission's proposal of an $8.00 fee reduced to $3.00 would have provided more incentive. The reduced $5.00 license, incidentally, has not shown that much increase in licenses issued. So far, according to SPCA, they number 31,000 which is about the same as other years. Next count will be taken July 15.

SPCA says they conducted door to door canvas and gave out news release. Mr. Sander will check to see that subsequent notices have proper notification.

The question of complaints that one must pay $5.00 for a license when claiming his own or adopting a dog from SPCA was raised. Ms. Handley thought some system should be worked out whereby only $2.50 would be charged if the animal was altered.

According to Mr. Sander, in cases of adopted females proof of spaying is not conclusive. In cases of owners claiming their animal, proof of altering must be submitted to Tax Collector for reduction in fee as SPCA does not issue licences, but merely collects money.

Chairman Siegel suggested persuing the above matter further and writing a letter to Supervisor Kopp regarding responsibility of notification of license fee reduction and clarification of manner in which the certificate must come to the attention of the Tax Collector. It is hoped that these matters can be included on the Health & Environment Committee calendar soon and satisfactorilly resolved for the 1975 licenses.

Commissioner Handley advised that meeting attendance was poor and offered to relinquish her chairmanship to Mr. Radetich. Mr. Radetich declined as he felt Ms. Handley was more qualified. Since Mr. Schindell has not attended meetings for some time Chairman Siegel will call to see if he is still interested. Mr. Anson's offer of assistance to Ms. Handley was accepted.

Since no more than 2 members is necessary to make a decision, it was suggested that the Committee continue its work with City Departments dealing with animals. The Commission office will make necessary appointments. Weak areas in the Animal Ordinance should be explored and brought to the attention of the Commission. It is hoped that the Vicious Dog and Finder Clause be included in the next Health & Environment Committee calendar.

One question raised by the Committee was performance of the Pigeon Control Contract. An appointment with CAO will be made to investigate the status of this activity.

Private Sector Committee Report

Sgt. Roche submitted his letter intended for Press, Pet Shops and other Pet Organizations, outlining the purpose of the Animal Commission and suggesting that representatives of animal organizations meet with the Committee to discuss mutually beneficial guidelines for handling animals in San Francisco. Commissioner Mahy also suggested calling on any pet installations suspected of violations of the Animal Ordinance.

Fred Methner letter on his proposed Volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps

Mr. Methner's letter of July 11, directed to Animal Control & Welfare Commission, proposed a Volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps delegated to carry our the duties allegedly not being performed by the Police Dept. and Animal Control Officer in enforcement of Leash and other Laws.

It was agreed that while Mr. Methner's views and sentiments might be shared by many, the general public might not respond well to volunteers' attempting to execute official duties. Chairman Siegel recommended reservation of judgment until more details of the plan are available.

As for performance by SPCA, Mr. Sander stated that 100 citations and a few bench warrants were issued since month of April. Citizens tend to disregard citations.

Commissioner Handley pointed out that the Defecation section of the Ordinance was not included in the Animal Control Contract therefore was not being enforced. Mr. Sander reminded that SPCA acts as a Humane Organization; other areas that fall in Health and Police catagories are diverted to them.

Low-cost Spay Program

Since only welfare recipients qualify for Spay Foundation monies, Ms. Handley feels there is need for a low-cost spay program, financed by license fees diverted to the General Fund.

Chairman Siegel stated that existing spay clinics are not getting the response from people that was hoped for. The argument that veterinarians are opposing the idea for personal financial reasons was refuted by the fact that veterinarians are not only employers but also employees. They favor the development of the chemical contraceptive, which might be financed by license revenues, instead of using this money to alter an insignificant number of animals. Out of the 100,000 spayed in California, the question arises: how many would have been done without the clinic program.

Conflict of Interest Law

According to City AttyConflict of Interest Law applies to Animal Control and Welfare Commissioners. Since the Commission represents all citizens, the Commissioners must approach matters with an open mind. Recommendations approved by the Commission as a whole should not be diminished by private lobbying of a Commissioner for an opposite point of view. If a Commissioner is actively dedicated to a cause in opposition to consensus of the Commission, conflict of interest prevails.

Senate Bill No. 1766--Live Wild Animals

On August 9, 1974, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Veteran's Memorial Bldg., San Francisco, the Department of Interior is holding a hearing on the proposition to prohibit wild animals as pets and experimental research subjects. The same ordinance the Commission brought to the Board of Supervisors on a local level is now being proposed federally. The Animal Commission's proposal was not finalized because it was superceded by a State Bill.

In answer to Ms. Handley's request that the Commission be represented at this meeting, Dr. Siegel said the Commission could recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they show interest in this legislation, but until we know what the bill is we can't lend Commission support. Ms. Handley will send copies for distribution among Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting will be held Thursday, August 1, 1974, 2:15 P.M.
101 Grove Street, Room 300
Agenda: Committee Reports; Communications; Review of Animal Ordinance

State Law provides that any injured animal whose owner is not known may be brought to a licensed veterinarian for care. The fees incurred are to be paid out of Dog License money. Such fees that have been accrued and sent to Tax Collector for payment have been refused with the statement that no Dog License money is available. It was suggested that this matter be brought to the attention of the City Attorney Office.

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Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
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Minutes of Animal Control and Welfare Commission meeting of August 1, 1974.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Kolster, Mahy, Radetich, Methner, Schindell
Absent: Anson, Braff, O'Donnell, Roche

Mr. Sander, SPCA representative, also present.

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Agenda: Review of Animal Ordinance
Committee Reports
Communications

Meeting came to order at approximately 2:30 P.M. Minutes of Commission meeting of July 11, 1974, read. Corrections by Mr. Sander:
Page 1, Mr. Sander, SPCA rep.
2nd paragraph: animals in custody of SPCA designated as: "strays" and "owner surrendered"
3rd paragraph: Delete "rather than". Show: Revenue comes from licensed strays as well as unlicensed.
4th paragraph: Delete: "It is the practice, etc.---by the time the Officer arrived". Show: "SPCA has patrols that make an effort to pick up unconfined strays".
Public Sector
2nd paragraph: early renewals through Tax Collector (not SPCA)
Page 3 2nd paragraph: Delete: "diverted to them". Show: "handled by those departments"

Minutes approved as amended.

S.P.C.A.--Questions and Answers

Monthly report to CAO shows: no number of citations; no number of "owner surrendered" and "strays"; number of dogs and cats "destroyed" and "adopted"

Working hours are covered by shifts: 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., 7 A.M. to 4 P.M., 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. or 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Stand-by trucks are available for injuries after hours. S.P.C.A. responds to bite reports immediately when inflicted by unconfined animals.

S.P.C.A. does issue licenses for ½ fee (page 2 of 7/11/74 minutes)--information gathered by Mr. Sander since that meeting.

S.P.C.A. contract renewed for fiscal 1974. Any change in procedure or information supplied under this contract must be negotiated through CAO.

Chairman suggested a letter to Supervisor Kopp as CAO has not cooperated, as promised, in sending the Commission a copy of the SPCA monthly report.

Vicious Dog Amendment Revision

The proposed Vicious Dog amendment was not heard at the last Health & Environment Committee meeting of 7/30/74. Since complaints regarding its provisions were received, Supervisor Kopp suggested it be rewritten. A tentative version, calling for automatic: impoundment of animal; citation of owner; impoundment until Public Health hearing regarding disposition of animal, was outlined. After additional work with the City Attorney Office and CAO it is hoped to have a suitable draft in time for the next Health & Environment Committee meeting on 8/27/74. Also that the "Finder" clause will be included on this calendar.

S.P.C.A. Neighborhood "Sweeps" Proposal

The idea of regularly scheduled SPCA neighborhood "Sweeps" was proposed--with perhaps one of five city sections covered each day. Possible implimentation of such a plan will be taken up with the Animal Control Officer.

Volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps

Letters from Supervisors von Beroldingen and Molinari, supporting Mr. Methner's proposal for a Volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps, were read. Proposed deputizing would follow screening and an eight week course of training. This matter is scheduled on Fire, Safety and Police calendar of 8/8/74.

Committee Rules--Public Attendance

Presence of interested and knowledgeable public at Committee meetings as a source of "input" is permissible. However, official duties are to be carried out by Commissioners only.

Commission Letter of Announcement

The letter announcing the purpose, address and invitation to attend monthly meetings of the Commission was read. Approximately 100 copies have been sent to Pet Shops and Organizations in San Francisco and Dog and Cat Clubs and other animal organizations with headquarters in the immediate Bay Area. When the new SPUR listing is available this month, Neighborhood Associations and Improvement Clubs will also be contacted.

Commissioners may obtain copies of this letter at Commission office.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:30 P.M.

N.B.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, 1974, 2:15 P.M.
Room 400, 101 Grove Street
Agenda: Vicious Dog Amendment
Dog Licensing program
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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Kolster, Mahy, Methner, Schindell, Anson, Howe, O'Donnell

Absent: Commissioners Roche, Radetich

Also present: Mr. Sander, SPCA representative; Sgt. O'Connor, SFPD representative.

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Meeting came to order at approximately 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of August 1, 1974, read and approved.

Agenda: Dog Licensing Program
Vicious Dog Amendment
Volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps.

SPCA MONTHLY REPORT TO CAO

A copy of the SPCA report to CAO was received by the Commission. Since it does not include the specific number of strays and owner surrendered, the Commission will recommend to the Health & Environment Committee that these figures be added to the report requirement of the Animal Control Contract.

Mr. Methner requested it also include a breakdown by district. Mr. Mahy agreed, feeling such an inclusion of district and date would also aid the owner of a lost animal in determining if it might be held by SPCA.

Chairman Siegel questioned the feasibility of such a plan and requested a determination of possible extra cost and bookwork entailed if a record on each picked-up animal is required.

VICIOUS DOG AMENDMENT

Proposed changes in the Vicious Dog Amendment were discussed at a meeting with CAO, AC&WC, SPCA and PHD representatives. This amendment is undergoing further revision and when completed copies of proposal will be mailed to Commissioners. If necessary a special Commission meeting will be held in an attempt to get the finalized version on the Health & Environment Committee calendar.

FINDER CLAUSE

Change in language from "will" to "shall" would eliminate the $8.00 fee, thereby encouraging adoption of surrendered animals. However, Mr. Friedrichs feels if one cannot afford the adoption fee he cannot afford to keep an animal. He also suspects that certain individuals are making a business of bringing in dogs and then picking them up after the holding period for private sale.

Mr. Mahy recommended that if an individual is suspect, SPCA should have the right to make an evaluation. Chairman Siegel proposed Commission findings and feeling be given to the Board of Supervisors.

VOLUNTEER CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS.

Supervisor Francois objected to the Volunteer Corps. feeling it was tantamount to a vigilante. He advised consulting Capt. Laherty, who in turn referred Mr. Methner to Capt. Taylor, who suggested Police Aides. However, Police Aides are restricted to ages 21 to 40. Commissioner Methner has written to Mayor Alioto regarding complaints on dogs and is awaiting word from him. He has, in the interim, passed out his flier and Commissioner card and is encouraged that at least they have been accepted. He suggested that Commissioners use the flier and cards in their own districts.

CITATIONS--CIVILIAN

Capt. Laherty does not want to become involved with citing loose dogs. Mr. Sander feels civilians should cite if dog is not on leash, as by the time SPCA arrives the scene the dog is gone. Sgt. O'Connor says Police Dept. calls SPCA on loose dogs. Commissioner O'Donnell says that in Lafayette Square owners with dogs are cited on Leash Law but nothing is being done about loose dogs. SPCA patrols, especially in the 6 to 8 A.M. period, have netted many dogs, but SPCA realizes only about 20% return on citations. According to Commissioner O'Donnell, the marshals on the Golf Course do get involved with arguments but they have the backing of authority by way of identified carts. He reports SPCA seems to cite loose dogs in Parks but nothing is being done about animal bites. He further recommended better enforcement of citations.

Sgt. O'Connor presented a citizen arrest form and suggested its revision suitable for use in citing. However, there was expression of doubt that should these forms be executed and delivered to the Police Dept., who in turn would give them to the District Attorney, any action would be taken by the D.A.

SPCA NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPS

In answer to Chairman Siegel's question on City section sweeps: nothing has as yet been done in this direction.

LEASH AND NUISANCE LAW PUBLICITY

Commissioner O'Donnell recommended more publicity on Animal Law violations. Commissioner Mahy proposed notices, signed by the Commission, and posted on poles, warning of the Leash and Nuisance Laws and penalties for violation. The signs issued by the Dept. of Traffic Engineering were discontinued in 1967 due to curtailment of funds by the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Schindell suggested SPCA use their letter to inform people of violations.

SPCA CITATIONS

Commissioner Methner feels SPCA should give a citation when people pick up their dogs. According to Mr. Sander it is the practice of SPCA to warn only on first offense and cite on second offense. In his opinion it is their job to enforce, not interpret, the law.

LEASH AND NUISANCE LAW FLIERS

Commission Methner's motion that the fliers for Leash and Nuisance Laws be made available for Commissioners was seconded by Commissioner Mahy; passed.

CITATION FIGURES

According to Commissioner Schindell, Supervisor von Beroldingen would like the citation figures for 1973 and 1974. Sgt. O'Connor advised that the number of citations given in specific areas could be obtained from the Statistical Dept. in Hall of Justice. The amount of collections according to sections of the City is available through the County Clerk of Municipal Court.

TEXACO STATION GUARD DOG

The guard dog in the office of the station during working hours has seven bites on record at Public Health Dept. for 1972; 6 for 1973 and so far 1 for 1974. Motion made by Commissioner Schindell to write a letter to the District Attorney for an opinion was seconded and passed.

ANIMAL HOLDING PERIODS

State law provides for holding period for dogs only. Policy of the SPCA is to keep dogs for 4 days and cats for 2. There is no legislation outlining owner responsibility for cats.

PET SHOP REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner Mahy suggested the Commission make an effort to educate Pet Shops in requirements and infractions, by distribution of rules obtainable from the State Assembly.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:15 P.M.

N.B.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, October 3, 1974, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street
Agenda: Animal Control Ordinance Amendments
Animal Ordinance Warning Form
Discussion of changes in the Dog License Tax for 1975 fiscal
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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Mahy, Methner, Howe, Radetich, Schinke

Absent: Commissioners Anson, Kolster, O'Donnell, Roche

Also present: Sgt. O'Connor, SFPD representative; Mr. Sander, SPCA representative.

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Agenda: Animal Control Ordinance Amendments
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Discussion of changes in the Dog License Tax for 1975 fiscal
Dog Exercise Areas

Minutes of September 5, 1974 read. Corrections by Mr. Sander:
SPCA MONTHLY REPORT TO CAO: Any additions or changes in the present Animal Control Contract must be negociated through CAO.
CITATIONS--CIVILIAN: Civilians should be willing to sign a complaint; not: civilians should cite.
The City realizes only about 20%; not: SPCA
SPCA NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPS: Mr. Sander explained that SPCA does patrol the City; however, the regularly scheduled "sweeps" by areas as proposed at 8-1-74 meeting must be taken up with CAO.
SPCA CITATIONS: The opinion that it is SPCA's job to enforce not interpret the law was expressed by Mr. Methner, not Mr. Sander.

Minutes approved as corrected.

SPCA TO CAO REPORT

Commissioner Methner is still interested in having additional statistics included in the SPCA report. Both CAO and Health & Environment Committee will be notified regarding suggestions for this information to be included in the Animal Control Contract for 1975.

FINDER CLAUSE

While Commissioner Methner agreed with the rationale of SPCA regarding the $8.00 charge for all adoptions, Chairman Siegel expressed hope that SPCA would use judgement in letting certain finders adopt an animal without the $8.00 fee in order to encourage adoptions.

SPCA NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPS

The regularly scheduled neighborhood sweeps proposed by the Commission will be taken up with the CAO.

CITATION FIGURES OF S.F.P.D.

Dog citations for January through August, 1974, were obtained from Bureau of Statistics. They amounted to 172, 87, 69, 49, 49, 62, 97 and 76, respectively, with Richmond and Park Companies producing the most citations. No separate accounting of dog citations is kept but Mr. Lum, Head Accountant, estimated no more than a $50.00 a month average is realized, what with citations ignored by violators; dismissals by judges and no action by District Attorney.

VICIOUS DOG AMENDMENT

The Vicious Dog amendment proposal resulting from the August meeting of AC&WC, SPCA, CAO and PHD was received in ordinance form from the City Attorney Office late afternoon on 10-2-74.

Commissioner Howe noted it provided for the Director of Public Health to take steps as needed. SPCA has no authority to take animals from private homes. P.H. has no authority to take action on first bite. On second bite P.H. has authority to have SPCA take action. Mr. Sander felt "impoundment" indicated: custody for purpose of rabies study.

A City map showing dog bites (to other than owners) for the past 5 or 6 weeks was shown. By way of colored pins, 2nd, 3rd, etc., bites by same animal were apparent. Chairman Siegel asked: what inclusion in the law could be made to preclude repeated bites by same dog; what would be sufficient proof to enable the P.H. Dept. to have SPCA assess the case for possible impoundment; after impoundment, what?; what could be done in the way of court action after owner notification?; what procedure should the H.D. take if a dog bites a 2nd time?--would it be possible to ask SPCA to go to that address and assess the matter?

Commissioner Howe pointed out that under the old Sec. 45 Dr. Braff wrote letters to owners of biting dogs, advising of control order. Court action would be necessary to deprive owner of his animal. Owner could be cited for misdemeanor if order violated, and D.A. could order owner to appear in court if he didn't keep dog under control. However, the P.H. Dept. letter got appreciable results.

The present proposal mentions no penalty. Enforcement would follow Code. While it is legal, it should be specific. As written it is lacking in effectiveness. Commissioner Methner concurred that penalty should be written in.

Chairman Siegel asked for more input from Commissioners and suggested a special meeting before the Vicious Dog Amendment went to Attorney's Office.

VIOLATION LETTER

At request of Commissioner Methner a violation letter including both Leash and Nuisance Laws will be available for Commissioners' use.

WARNING CARD

Following recommendations were made: Commissioner Methner: include Sec. 40, Nuisance Law; Mr. Sander: show address of person citing; Commissioner Radetich: send warning form to Neighborhood Associations for use by its members.

Sgt. O'Connor suggested warning be made in duplicate--original to violator, duplicate to SPCA for processing. SPCA could send a form letter showing violator that something is being done. If a second notice is necessary the D.A. should proceed with action prescribed by law.

Sgt. O'Connor assured that warning is very effective. To fortify its impact on public he suggested that after the warning, citing, etc., plan has been well formulated, including what, if any, action the D.A. would be willing to take and under what circumstances, all news media should be advised simultaneously. Motion was made that commissioners meet and finalize the form. Seconded; Passed.

SPCA COMPLAINTS

Mr. Sanders had no specific solutions available as yet. Since the Commission is interested in knowing what happened on investigation of these complaints, if Mr. Sander cannot give this information the Commission will have to proceed in a different direction.

SPCA DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER INSPECTION

Commission letter written 9-18-74 to Bureau of Measurements & Standards regarding above. Dept. of Food and Agriculture reply of 9-27-74 regarding the recent inspections and reports showed: 7-2-74 inspection failed to meet requirements and chamber marked "out of order" pending repair. On 7-5-74, SPCA requested reinspection. At this time small chamber passed but large chamber did not. 7-17-74 reinspected. Large chamber found in compliance. Inspections are required semiannually.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Citizens in attendance requested a dog exercise area in Alta Plaza Park. Suggestion was for use before 9 A.M. and after 5 P.M. which would not disturb children at play or picknicers; provision by Park Dept. for trash recepticles so owners could pick up after their dogs.

Commissioners Radetich and Mahy will evaluate the area and bring their findings to the attention of the Recreation and Park Dept.

DOG LICENSE DIFFERENTIAL

Commissioners were asked for recommendations in raise in license fees so a larger reduction in fee for altered animals could be realized by owners. Commission formerly recommended $8. to $3.; reduction should be at least 50%. When the new fee schedule is presented in January Commissioner Mahy hoped there would be lobbying of Supervisors to get the new amount. Of an estimated 70,000 dogs in the City, 33,000 are licensed.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:30 P.M.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 1974, 2:15 P.M. Room 400, 101 Grove.
Agenda: Warning violation form
Vicious Dog Amendment
Citation program
Dog Exercise Area
Discussion of Dog License Fee for 75 fiscal
Changes in SPCA contract to be considered

N.B.
Commissioners: Please submit any thoughts you might have regarding:
Regularly scheduled City sweeps by areas.
More statistics in SPCA to CAO report.
"Complaint Form" for CAO report of all complaints in writing.

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Thursday, November 7, 1974 Room 400, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Warning Violation Form
2. Vicious Dog Amendment
3. Citation Program
4. Dog Exercise Area
5. Discussion of Dog License Fee for 75 fiscal
6. Changes in SPCA contract to be considered

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Minutes of Animal Control & Welfare Commission meeting of November 7, 1974.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Mahy, Methner, Anson, Radetich, Schindel, Hurley

Absent: Commissioners Kolster, Howe

Also present: Carl Poch, Rec. & Park Dept. representative
Domenic Crociani, PHD representative
Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.
Sgt. John O'Connor, S.F.P.D.
Eugene Sander, SPCA representative

Meeting came to order at approximately 2:15 P.M.

Agenda: Warning Violation Form
Biting Dog Amendment
Citation Program
Dog Exercise Area
Discussion of Dog License Fee for '75 Fiscal
Changes in SPCA contract to be considered

Minutes of October 3, 1974, approved as read.

CITATION FIGURES OF S.F.P.D.

The high citation figures for Park and Richmond Stations are due to the activity of mounted police in those areas.

In order to preclude possible "dismissals by judges" and "no action by District Attorney", uniformity in disposition of citations should be more definitive. A meeting with the D.A. was proposed and motion made and passed to send letter to Judge Reynolds to set standard procedure.

SPCA NEIGHBORHOOD CITY SWEEPS

Suggestions on plans to effect regular city sweeps should be presented in writing to CAO well in advance of issuance of the new contract.

SEC. 40 NUISANCE LAW; SEC. 41.12(a) LEASH LAW

News representatives present asked for enforcement plan for Animal Control Laws. Officers seldom are in a position to witness violations. According to the D.A. one witness can sign a formal complaint. Civil action would ensue.

The proposed printed form to facilitate such reporting was read. Signed by a witness and submitted to Animal Control Commission, it would elicit a letter of warning to violator. For violations of Sec. 41.12(a) a letter could also be sent out by SPCA. What action would be taken by the D.A. on the 2nd violation will be taken up with that Office by Commissioner Hurley.

Commissioner Hurley will present to Police Chief Scott the statistical figures on dog problems in the city and details of a proposed Police Dept. effort to sweep the troubled areas of the city--accompanying SPCA deputies--, an action similar to that taken 2 years ago in the Sunnydale-Bayview District. A central phone number would be assigned for all dog complaints. Outlying police districts would relay daily reports to one spot. Physical pick-ups and citations would be made. If necessary additional men from districts would be added. Week-end rotation would give full-time coverage. The teams would sweep any police problem areas reported. Community Relations details would acquaint all Neighborhood Associations with the plan.

Police Chief Scott is planning to issue publicity on the dog problem and a general order to all police personnel advising of the existing "infraction" aspect of violations of Sec. 41.12(a).

Commissioner Anson wondered if it would still be necessary to "hold" an animal for SPCA pick-up. Mr. Sander explained that was necessary prior to the present contract because there was not enough money to go out with men and vehicles.

Motion to proceed with printing of Warning Form made and passed. Plans for execution of citations will be developed.

BITING DOG AMENDMENT

The latest version of the Biting Dog Amendment read. Action on the 2nd bite was still weak. Commissioner Hurley and Officer Sugrue will meet with Jaime Sutton, D.A. Office, at 9 A.M. on November 8, to try for stronger action on the 2nd bite so as to prevent future bites by the same animal.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS--ALTA PLAZA PARK

Commission reaction on the dog exercise area proposed for Alta Plaza Park varied from "with proper recepticles and restrictions it could accommodate a dog exercise run" to "it would create inevitable unsanitary conditions and loose dog hazards for children and others who use the park--a 25' fenced-in dirt area being more suitable". Other neighborhood City parks have been requested as dog runs but without proper supervision and adherence to restrictions the areas would become unsuitable for general recreational use.

It was conceded that the 2 Dog Exercise Areas set aside, Golden Gate and Buena Vista Parks, are not adequate and every effort should be made to accommodate this form of recreation as well as tennis, bowling, etc. Providing a pilot dog run on a trial basis with R&P supervision and policing to see how equitably it might work out for all park users is being considered by the Park Department.

Complaints are also received by the Police Department. Commissioner Hurley will see what can be done and suggested that in the meantime Commissioners look over likely spots in their own neighborhoods and present their recommendations to the R&P Commission.

Supervisor Dianne Feinstein has asked that this subject be pursued and Commission opinions and findings be submitted to her. Commissioner Hurley asked for delay of his report until next Commission meeting.

DOG LICENSE FEE FOR '75 FISCAL

Since time did not permit proper exploration, this subject was put over to next Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting will be held December 5, 1974, 2:15 P.M., Room 300, 101 Grove Street. Agenda:

1. Viewing of film on: Care of Dogs, Cats and Exotic Pets
2. Dog License Fee for '75 Fiscal
3. Dog Exercise Areas
4. Biting Dog Amendment
5. Review of Warning Violation Form
6. Discussion of Public-feeding violations of S.F. Zoo animals

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Agenda

Thursday, December 5, 1974 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Viewing of film on: Care of Dogs, Cats and Exotic Pets
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Minutes of Animal Control & Welfare Commission meeting of December 5, 1974

Present: Chairman Siegel; Commissioners Anson, Mahy, Kolster, Methner, Howe, Radetich, Hurley; Mr. Poch, R&P representative.

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Absent: Commissioner Schindel

Also present: Officer Sugrue, S.F.P.D., Eugene Sander, SPCA representative

Meeting came to order at 2:15 P.M.

CAL. VET. MED. ASSN. MOVIE

The movie on "Care of Dogs, Cats and Exotic Pets" was favorably received. There was general agreement on need for such education in the San Francisco schools. Hope was expressed that additional education on animal over-population could be produced.

INCREASE IN DOG LICENSE FEE

Differential of present fees appears to be too low to give a great incentive to consider spaying.

The Commission's recommendation of $8. license and $3.00 for altered animals was not approved by the Health & Environment Committee last year. Any changes in license program for '75 fiscal must be submitted now.

Motion made and passed to once again propose to the Health & Environment Committee license fees of $8. and $3.

Public reaction: with a larger license fee they would like to have all the services provided by SPCA to be printed and presented to the person receiving license. An additional suggestion was names and telephone numbers printed on back of tag.

DOG EXERCISE AREA--ALTA PLAZA PARK

Discussion on the Alta Plaza exercise area showed general agreement that the need for more dog exercise areas throughout the City was also imperative. Recommendation will be made to the R&P Commission that they give serious consideration to this problem and meet with the Animal Commission to give their views.

DOG EXERCISE AREA--PINE LAKE, SIGMUND STERN GROVE

A proposal of a dog exercise area in Pine Lake area of Sigmund Stern Grove was discussed. Chairman Siegel pointed out that dogs need reasonable exercise to be in good health but complete freedom was not necessary. With enforcement of the leash law exercise areas should be established but they also must be maintained. Commissioner Hurley reminded that his Police Dept. telephone number is available for any suggestions on dog exercise areas in uncultivated areas throughout the City.

Pine Lake advocates were asked to present their argument in writing to the Animal Commission who will submit it for consideration by the R&P Commission.

ZOO COMPLAINTS--S.F. EXAMINER LETTER-TO-EDITOR

Dr. Mottram, Interim-director of S.F. Zoo, discussed the problems alluded to in the letter-to-the-Editor. Control of the public is a problem. More "No Feeding" signs and extra patrolmen are needed. Limited budget, resulting in shortage of maintenance personnel,is a contributing factor. The recent addition of 4 persons through the EEA program, and available until June, 1975, does help but does not provide sufficient coverage for week-end problems.

The chimp activity described in the article is typical but not necessarily harmful. The animals enjoy this communication.

Volunteers of the Zoo spokesman advised that that organization, under the supervision of the Zoo, aspired to educating the public on the feeding and abuse of animals through their mini-docent tours.

The Commission will gather information on the needs and conditions of the Zoo and submit in writing their report for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.

BITING DOG AMENDMENT

Certain sections of the Pacifica Animal Ordinance were considered worth adding to the San Francisco dog laws.

A composite of segments of each ordinance could be submitted to the Board. Action applicable to the second bite should provide for extenuating circumstances.

Motion made and passed to prepare such a draft.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:45 P.M.

N.B.

Next meeting--January 2, 1975, Thursday, Room 400, 101 Grove St., 2:15 P.M.

Agenda:
1. Election of Chairman
2. Changes in Animal Control Ordinance
3. Biting Dog Amendment

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Thursday, January 2, 1975 Room 400, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Election of Chairman
2. Changes in Animal Control Ordinance
3. Biting Dog Amendment

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Hurley, Anson, Methner, Radetich, Schindel, Kolster, Howe

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Absent: Commissioner Mahy; R&P Representative

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.P.C.A.

Meeting came to order at 2:25 P.M.

Minutes of meeting of December 5, 1974, approved as read.

SPCA WARNING VS. CITING PRACTICE

Regarding SPCA practice of warning rather than citing owner of animal redeemed at shelter after impoundment for being "at large": City Attorney letter of 12-6-74 in answer to Animal Control & Welfare Commission's inquiry of 9-18-74 was read and indicated: Any dog found at large shall be impounded; citation must be issued; owner shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and upon conviction shall be punished by fine.

Following letters read: AC&WC's of 12-12-74 to SPCA, outlining ordinance requirements; Commissioner Methner's of 12-18-74 to AC&WC, indicating that on 12-17-74 Mr. Minton confirmed by telephone SPCA's warning practice.

Mr. Sander will investigate this matter and report.

ZOO COMPLAINTS--LETTER TO THE EDITOR--S.F.EXAMINER

Pursuant to Supervisor Feinstein's letter requesting investigation on Zoo complaints, AC&WC committee of 4 toured the Zoo and noted conditions. A letter, including recommendation for changes and innovations which might relieve some of the existing conditions, was drafted and read. Additional ideas stressed: lids on trash receptacles; P.D. 2-wheeler patrols; early Sunday morning pick-up of garbage; more keepers in Children's Zoo(smoking in barn presents fire hazard); Volunteers of Zoo arm bands for security identification; investigation into work contract of keepers (contact Shop Steward, Tony Bela, or Mr. Romar, Head Keeper) to substantiate their refusal on security duty; more personnel throughout the grounds; provision for relief personnel, especially in long-term sick-leave and termination-of-duty periods, which can run up to 3 months.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Preliminary meeting of January 6, may be attended by any commissioner. Information and petitions will be presented and a public meeting arranged.

Letters, written by E. O'Donnell and J. Spring and proposing various section of the City as possible exercise areas, read. At that time only 3 became effective. A list will be prepared for consideration by the R&P Dept. Recommendations by public: Golden Gate Park dog-training area not suitable for training--too many dogs about--whole area should be exercise area; Polo Field not suitable exercise area--too much traffic.

CITATIONS.

Citations continuing. Officers being assigned to serve $25. bench warrants. Present P.D. form requires violator to appear at room 475 for finger print; SPCA form does not require this. Negotiations with legal office are in progress for approval of latter form for P.D. use.

BITING DOG AMENDMENT

Two proposed drafts read. Any more must be submitted by the January 10, meeting with CAO. Commissioner Hurley will investigate neighboring Counties' laws and enforcement.

BARKING DOG--NOISE COMPLAINT

Nothing on P.D. books regarding barking dogs. Ordinance has to be specific for enforcement. Will attempt to develop a definition of "Dog Barking" that would constitute a violation of Noise Ordinance.

FUND FOR ANIMALS MOVIE--ANIMAL OVER-POPULATION

Fund for Animals representative's offer of 2 films (16 MM, 20 minutes in length, with sound) on animal over-population for use in S.F. Public School System will be brought to the attention of the School Dept.

COMMISSION ELECTIONS

Nomination made, seconded and passed: Dr. Siegel, Chairman
Nomination made, seconded and passed: Stanley Mahy, Vice-chairman

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting will be held at 2:15 P.M., Thursday, February 6, 1975, Room 400, 101 Grove Street.

Agenda:
1. Biting Dog Amendment
2. Dog Exercise Areas
3. Licencing Program for '75
4. Dog Barking--Definition and Ordinance

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Barron, Howe, Hurley, Mahy, Radetich, Schindel, Stone

Absent: Commissioners Kolster, Methner

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Jack Spring, R&P Dept.; Eugene Sander, SPCA

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Meeting came to order at 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of meeting of January 2, 1975, approved as read.

BITING DOG AMENDMENT

CAO draft of February 4, read. Additional changes noted for consideration at CAO's February 7, meeting for finalization.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

City map showing the seven dog exercise areas previously acceptable to and now approved by R&P Dept. shown by Commissioner Hurley. Additional sites are under negociation between Com. Hurley and other agencies. Application to the Board of Supervisors for locations under their jurisdiction will be made by the Commission. When the R&P Dept. is ready to consider new areas a public hearing will be scheduled.

Public suggestion made for exercise area on property abandoned by Mission High and Sanchez School. The S.F. School Dept. must be approached for consideration of these sites.

Alta Plaza Park was not approved by the R&P Dept. Spokeswoman for the A-P group requested a meeting with Com. Hurley Friday, February 7, at the Park, to further discuss the exact section being requested and the ground rules under which the dog owners would be willing to operate. Any such proposal must be submitted to the R&P Dept. and R&P Commission.

BARKING DOG AMENDMENT

A proposed "Barking Dog" addition to Police Code read by Com. Hurley. The proposed ordinance has approval of Capt. Taylor and is under consideration by the P.D. Legal Dept.

The "lo-minute" barking definition drew certain opposition. Any ideas or suggestions on this subject will be welcomed by the Commission.

ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE COMMISSION 1975 BUDGET

Proposed budget for 1975 fiscal read. Motion for approval made, seconded and passed.

ASSEMBLYMAN RALPH'S STATE BILL--DOG RACING IN CALIFORNIA

A resolution by the Animal Commission in opposition to the proposed State bill was made by Com. Mahy. Chairman Siegel declared that according to the rules and policies of the Commission the motion was out of order but it could be proposed at the next meeting. Hopefully by that meeting more information concerning Assemblyman Ralph's Bill will be available.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 P.M.

N.B.

Next meeting--Thursday, March 6, 1975, 2:15 P.M., Room 300, 101 Grove St.

Agenda:
1. Review of Dog Exercise Areas
2. Barking Dog Ordinance
3. Discussion of possible changes in Leash Law
4. Discussion of Assemblyman Ralph's State Bill
5. Discussion of 1975 Dog Licensing application procedure

Health & Environment Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 1975, 2 P.M. Room 228, City Hall. Agenda items 1 through 4 will be on Animal affairs.

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Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Ansell, Barron, Howe, Hurley, Kolster, Mahy, Mathner, Federich, Mohirdel

Absent: Commissioner Stone

Also present: Officer Michael T. Duggan, S.F.P.D.

Meeting came to order at 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of meeting of February 6, 1975, approved as read.

Agenda: 1. Review of Dog Exercise Areas
2. Barking Dog Ordinance
3. Discussion of possible changes in Leash Law
4. Discussion of Assemblyman Ralph's Bill--AB 455--Dog Racing
5. Discussion of 1975 Dog Licensing procedure

SPCA TO CAO MONTHLY REPORT

List of activities suggested as inclusions in the SPCA to CAO monthly report in order to facilitate the Commission's evaluation of enforcement by the Animal Control Officer approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL COST SURVEY

Motion made and passed to request a survey of costs for the City's handling the control contract, using SPCA's shelter facility.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Commissioner Barron asked for a correction on No. 4 of the R&P Dept. approved list: paralleling Wawona Street between 21st and 23rd Aves. not 20th and 23rd Aves.

Fifty signs and stencil markings at entrances will be effected by R&P Dept. by mid-March on the 7 approved sites; public will be advised by news media. Other areas are still under investigation.

Letter of March 5, read by Dan Kaljian, outlining suggestions and recommendations on how, when, where and why the R&P Dept. should open additional exercise areas. The Commission approves of areas wherever possible; however sites must be approved by the Dept. under whose jurisdiction the area lies.

Motion made and passed to endorse in principle Mr. Kaljian's letter and submit it to R&P Comm. for their consideration.

BARKING DOG AMENDMENT

Preliminary draft submitted by Commissioner Hurley on 2-5-75 to Chief of Police and District Attorney was approved by Chief of Police and is now with the City Attorney. Although the ordinance was presented by the Police Dept., it was suggested that all Commission members be present for comment when it is heard at Committee.

LEASH LAW

From the March 6, letter by Dan Kaljian and Florence Sarrett, Mr.Kaljian read suggested amendments to Sections 41.1, 41.12, 41.13 and 985 of the Animal Ordinance and requested that amendment to Sec. 41.1 be on the next agenda.

A committee of 4, with Com. Mahy as chairman, will meet and study the proposals and submit their findings to the Commission.

ASSEMBLYMAN RALPH'S BILL--AB 455--DOG RACING IN CALIFORNIA

Com. Mahy read material on opposition to proposed Dog Racing in Calif. A copy of the bill will be obtained and studied. A motion to declare the Animal Commission in opposition did not pass. It was hoped that more material would be presented so a vote could be taken.

1975 DOG LICENSING PROCEDURE

Due to lack of time this matter was tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting of Animal Control and Welfare Commission
Thursday, April 3, 1975, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street
Agenda: 1. Old Business
2. Dog Licensing procedure for 1975
3. Discussion of Leash Law
4. Discussion of problems relating to Dog and Cat Surplus

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Minutes of Commission meeting of April 3, 1975.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Barron, Howe, Hurley, Holster, Mahy, Methner, Radetich, Schindel, Stone

Also present: Officer Michael Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

Meeting came to order at 2:30 P.M.

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COMMISSIONER METHNER RECOGNITION

Commission acknowledgement given to Com. Methner for his being named one of the 10 most distinguished citizens of San Francisco for his accomplishments in neighborhood work.

ENFORCEMENT OF LEASH LAW

Capt. Taylor's letter of 3-27-75 to Com. Methner stated an officer may cite for misdemeanor or infraction only when a violation is committed in his presence. Citation for violations witnessed by a citizen may be effected by citizen's arrest only.

Com. Methner requested a motion to ask Supervisor Kopp to strengthen the leash law by providing that written testimony of 2 witnesses be sufficient for police citation. Motion will be submitted to Animal Commission for possible follow-up next meeting.

BARKING DOG ORDINANCE

Commission rendered a 10 to 1 vote in favor of submitting draft of Barking Dog ordinance to Police, Fire & Safety Committee with a suggested $15. fine. Chairman Siegel asked that a letter be sent to Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court to assure compliance. A minority opinion could be submitted to Chairman Siegel for referral to the Board Committee.

Com. Hurley will draft a general procedure of enforcement--1st offense, warning; 2nd offense, citation--to be distributed to all Police Officers with the final ordinance.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

R &P Dept. letter of 4-3-75 assured continued efforts to establish dog exercise areas wherever possible in the Park system. Alta-Plaza residents and R&P Dept. will meet Tuesday, May 13, 1975, 7:30 P.M., at 2518 Jackson St., to discuss the possible use of that park on a limited-use basis.

22nd and Arkansas Streets and 39th Avenue and Quintara sites are under consideration by the PWD.

The 10 approved areas will be publicized through media and fliers.

DOG LICENSING FOR 1975

Proposed license fee change to $8/$3. was sent to H&E Committee Jan. 13, with the request that the matter be calendared.

As an enclosure with licenses and hand-outs for pet shops, etc., it was suggested a brochure be developed, listing benefits of licensing; education on laws and care of animals; function of Animal Control Officer and Animal Control & Welfare Commission; exercise areas; emergency night care assistance directions.

Other licensing suggestions: tag should include owners name, address and telephone number; development of an effective method of advising owners of fee and differential in time for renewal; definitive procedure for presenting Veterinarian's certificate verifying spay requirement; assurance of owner's rebate or credit; regularly scheduled Animal Information column in newspapers.

LEASH LAW PROPOSALS

Minutes of the Committee appointed to study and advise on the proposed leash law changes showed general approval. Method of identification of certified dogs not determined; recommendation on qualifications of the 6 members-at-large referred to the Commission as a whole. Copy of minutes will be sent to Commissioners.

Professional trainer testimony revealed: dog training is a long, arduous task, requiring perserverance and concentration on the part of both owner and animal; out of the estimated 70,000 dog population approximately 200 animals presently qualify, and then only under clinical conditions, none of which exist in public places.

Commission opposition found: proposed law too cumbersome; leash requirement restricted to least-troubled areas; feasibility questionable in view of: requirement of an agency designated to examine dogs for certificate; necessity of citing officer to give individual evaluation of dog tags; added detail for licensing agency; ease of illegal duplication of suggested orange collar; a law designed for majority need is reduced to ineffectiveness by a minority.

DOG AND CAT SURPLUS

Chairman Siegel urged Commissioners to read proceedings from the last seminar on Dog and Cat Surplus Problems. Booklet is available in office.

Mr. Sorich read material on a low-cost spay clinic and urged establishment of a unit in San Francisco, based on records of Los Angeles, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

At Chairman Siegel's request a look into statistics on counties without clinics will be made. Further discussion on Dog and Cat Surplus problems to continue next meeting.

Meeting adjourned approximately 5 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, May 1, 1975, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street
Agenda:

1. Control of Dog and Cat Surplus
2. Dead Animal Contract
3. Assemblyman Antonovich Dog Fighting Bill--AB614
4. Com. Methner motion on Leash Law citation through testimony of 2 witnesses

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Agenda

Thursday, May 1, 1975 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

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Absent: Commissioner Stone

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

Meeting came to order at 2:30 P.M.

Agenda:
1. Control of Dog and Cat Surplus
2. Dead Animal Contract
3. Assemblyman Antonovich Dog Fighting Bill--AB614
4. Com. Methner motion on testimony of 2 witnesses for citation.

Minutes of April 3, 1975 read. Corrections requested: LEASH LAW PROPOSALS "commission opposition found" changed to read "according to commission discussion". Testimony on dog training is attributed to one trainer only and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of all trainers.

Minutes approved as amended.

COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Three standing committees appointed. Enforcement: Commissioners Anson, Hurley, Methner, Schindel; Welfare: Commissioners Mahy, Kolster, Radetich, Barron; Education and Public Relations: Commissioners Stone, Siegel, Howe.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Recreation & Park Dept. consideration of exercise areas in cultivated sections will be based on exploration of problems pertinent to each individual area. Alta-Plaza Park is presently under consideration. Dolores Park is pending

Recommendation made and passed: Request for Rec. & Park Dept's immediate study on Dolores Park exercise area feasibility.

PROPOSED SPCA ADOPTION PROGRAM

A written proposal designed to facilitate adoptions at SPCA will be submitted to the Commission. Mr. Levin requested Commission's recommendation to Board of Supervisors that the provisions be included in the Animal Ordinance and/or SPCA contract at no additional cost to the City.

Commission will take this matter under submission.

PRO-LEASH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Testimony by parents of child killed recently as a result of being thrown from her bicycle by loose dogs was presented in favor of strict enforcement of the present Leash Law.

LEASH LAW CHANGES

A resolution was made to consider all points of the Dan Kaljian letter and to vote on and discuss each section individually. Resolution did not pass.

A resolution was made that no changes in the present leash law sections would be considered at the present time. Resolution passed.

A resolution was made to reconsider the Kaljian letter in Committee to see if any one or more sections should be brought before the full Commission for consideration.

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DEAD ANIMAL CONTRACT

Purchasing Department has asked for an opinion of the Commission on the new proposed contract providing for disposal through rendering plant(fertilizer

Resolution made and passed: No objection to Purchaser's choice of contract provision.

DOG AND CAT SURPLUS

Figures for areas without spay clinics were presented by Mr. Sorich. The only source of information was State of California Health Department's incomplete figures.

Mr. Sorich requested deferment of consideration of spay clinic modelled after the City of Los Angeles unit and recommended review of alternate proposal involving the National Animal Welfare League, Inc.

Commissioners will tour private and public clinics for evaluation of surplus problems and solutions.

DOG FIGHTING BILL--AB 614

Recommendation made and passed to render Commission approval in principle on the State Assembly Dog Fighting Bill.

DIFFERENTIAL DOG LICENSE

Commissioner Schindel presented before the Finance Committee the Animal Commission recommendation for an increase in the dog license fee to $8./$3.00. Because the time for issuance of licenses is so near, it was felt that a change in fee at this time was not appropriate. A new hearing must be scheduled in time for the December 15, 1975, printing of forms.

ENFORCEMENT OF CITATIONS

A resolution was made to refer to Supervisor Kopp for his advice and consent the matter of 2 witnesses being sufficient for citations of Sec. 40. Resolution passed.

CALIFORNIA ANIMAL CONTROL

The Commission has received inquiries from the California Animal Control of Huntington Beach regarding the possibility of their establishing an Animal Control & Welfare unit for the City and Co. of San Francisco. When more details are received relating to their operation in Huntington Beach, Commissioners will be advised.

Meeting adjourned 4:20 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting will be Thursday, June 5, 1975, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Committee Reports
2. Surplus Dog and Cat Problem discussion
3. Discussion of Mr. Levin's letter

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Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Committee Reports
2. Surplus Dog and Cat Problem Discussion
3. Discussion of Mr. Levin's letter

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LEASH LAW PROPOSALS: Further amended to read: Testimony on dog training is attributed to one trainer only and is contrary to the opinion of the other two trainers present.

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Absent: Commissioner Kolster

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

Meeting came to order at 2:30 P.M.

Agenda:
1. Committee Reports
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3. Discussion of Mr. Levin's letter

Minutes of May 1, 1975, read. Correction requested: LEASH LAW PROPOSALS Testimony on dog training is attributed to one trainer only and is contrary to the opinion of the other two trainers present.

Minutes approved as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The suggestion that two witnesses be sufficient to request a police officer to issue a citation for violation of Sec. 40 is in conflict with Criminal Justice procedure for citations of infractions according to City Attorney.

Commissioner Methner's suggestion to have street sweepers remove dog feces from sidewalks was taken up with Public Works Dept. They report that present budget, manpower, etc., precludes assumption of this duty by that department. In addition, only limited areas of commercial districts have street sweepers and soon most will have automatic equipment.

Animal Commission letter of May 27, 1975, to Chief Administrative Officer requested changes in the Animal Control contract providing additional statistics for evaluation of enforcement. Additional trucks and extension of working hours to cover early evening and week-ends are among recommendations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement Committee voted unanimously: No action to be taken on suggestions requested in Mr. Kaljian's letter.

Welfare Committee: The revised version of the Kaljian letter, changing form of presentation, was read. No action.

Public Relations Committee: Commissioner Stone presented a brochure outlining laws, general information and advantages of animal licensing. Copy will be sent to Commissioners. Chairman Siegel reported findings at Peninsula Humane Society showed Public Information and Education were number one areas for improvement of dog problems.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Commissioner Barron report: Approved: 22nd and Arkansas Streets and 39th Avenue and Quintara Street. Signs will be posted next week.
Under consideration: Area in vicinity of San Jose Avenue and Colonial Way.
In Abeyance: Proposed Golden Gate Park "loop".
Still under consideration: Dolores Park.

DOG AND CAT SURPLUS

Commissioner Schindel reported on the Peninsula Humane Society Spay Clinic tour. Statistics from the San Mateo County Animal Control Officer: estimated 114,000 dogs--75,000 licensed. 18 trucks, 38 personnel, 60 volunteers. Clinic books 20 spays per day. Enforcement handled by Animal Control Officers. Police Dept. called only when necessary.

No further word from National Animal Welfare League, Inc., regarding establishment of a low-cost spay clinic in San Francisco.

MR. LEVIN'S LETTER

Following discussion of Mr. Levin's letter the Commission passed a resolution to bring to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to be incorporated into the SPCA agreement and/or Animal Control Ordinance.

LEASH LAW ENFORCEMENT SIGNS

Following Commissioner Mahy's motion Commission passed a resolution to recommend that signs be erected at main entrances to San Francisco advising of Leash Law enforcement.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting--Thursday, July 3, 1975, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Committee reports
2. Discussion of construction and Installation of "Doggy Toilets"
3. Animal Commission Brochure discussion.

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Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Committee Reports
2. Discussion of Construction and Installation of "Doggy Toilets"
3. Animal Commission Brochure discussion

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Barron, Mahy, Methner, Howe, Hurley, Kolster, Radetich, Schindel

Absent: Commissioner Stone

Also present: Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

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Minutes of meeting of June 5, 1975, approved as read.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Levin Letter: Commission asked Mr. Levin and City Attorney to submit Mr. Levin's request for SPCA contract amendment in legal wording for Commission consideration and possible recommendation to the Health & Environment Committee. No response from either to date.

Additions to SPCA Contract: Chief Administrative Officer is in the process of providing a new contract and working on funding of additional money requested by SPCA. Due to Budget Analyst's cut-back what services will be reduced has not been determined. Wherever feasible Commission requests will be considered.

Leash Law Enforcement Signs: The matter of leash law enforcement signs erected at San Francisco entry points is being pursued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement: Barking Dog Ordinance, revised by Fire, Safety and Police Committee, will go to Board of Supervisors July 14. Commissioner Methner reported that Supervisor Francois suggested a letter to Assemblyman Leo McCarthy to investigate the possibility of State legislation to allow certain non-police to cite for dog law violations. Motion by Com. Methner: Commission letter to Assembly endorsing in principle the concept that other than police be allowed to effect citations for infractions. Resolution passed.

Com. Methner's motion to pursue the matter of the Public Works Dept.'s assuming responsibility of cleaning dog feces from sidewalks did not pass. Chr. Siegel read the direct citation procedure outlined in San Diego County's animal control program wherein signature of 2 witnesses was sufficient for citation for dog control laws. The Commission will get details.

Welfare: Commissioner Barron reported that the Dolores Park exercise area will be considered at the July meeting of the Park Commission. Commissioner Mahy will schedule spay clinic information for Commissioners.

Public Relations: Chr. Siegel interviewed Gail Sullivan for assistance with public relations. Due to present committments she will not be available until August.

DOGGY TOILET

The first Doggy Toilet was built at the Dog Training Field of Golden Gate Park on July 2, 1975. Cleaning will be undertaken by the gardener in that area. Cost of building blocks amounted to $28.00. Mr. Sabadini volunteered to draw up blue prints and assist Officers Hurley and Sugrue and Commissioner Barron with the pilot installation. Subsequent construction could be provided by Summer Youth Program. Brick, cobblestone or building blocks could be used, depending on local. Com. Hurley will attempt to elicit support from the Chamber of Commerce and other potentially interested agencies. The first Doggy Toilet won from certain trainers and dogs present approval and endorsemen respectively. Enforcement of Sec. 40 should make these facilities even more popular.

BROCHURE

Preliminary draft of brochure is in the process of edit by Commission and Agencies involved. Printing will be effected as soon as possible.

INJURED ANIMALS

Under Penal Code 957f peace officers must submit to a veterinarian all injured cats and dogs found in public places and without owners. Costs for treatment shall be paid from the dog license fees and fines of the city in which the dog is licensed or if unlicensed from the city in which found, subject to repayment of cost by the animal's owner.

Although the City of S.F. claims "not sufficient funds" for this service, the Animal Control Officer must assume the responsibility in accordance with the Justice Dept. SPCA takes care of such cases up to 5 P.M. The "on call" veterinarian will respond after 5 P.M.

In answer to Public's question regarding possibility of getting SPCA "injured animal" records, Mr. Sander indicated if the Commission wants this information it should submit a request.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting Thursday, August 7, 1975, 2:15 P.M. ,Room 300, 101 Grove

Agenda:
1. Chairman's report
2. Committee Reports
3. Commission Brochure discussion
4. "Dog Chaser" (Sound Device) discussion

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Thursday August 7, 1975 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Commission Brochure discussion
4. "Dog Chaser" (Sound Device) discussion

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INJURED ANIMALS

Penal Code covering injured animals should read 597f not 957f. Request for injured animal information should be submitted to Chief Administrative Officer.

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Mahy, Methner, Hurley, Radetich, Schindel, Stone

Absent: Commissioners Anson, Barron, Howe, Kolster

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

Agenda:
1. Chairman's report
2. Committee Reports
3. Commission Brochure discussion
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Minutes of meeting of July 3, 1975, read. Corrections: Penal Code covering injured animals should read 597f not 957f. Request for injured animal information should be submitted to Chief Administrative Officer.

Minutes approved as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commission letters read: to Director of Public Works re: posted signs at San Francisco entry points; to Chief Administrative Officer re: possible policy statement authorizing sidewalk sweepers' removal of dog feces; to Assemblyman Leo McCarthy re: possible State legislature providing especially appointed citizens or a 2-signature affidavit to effect citations for infractions.

No replies received to date.

Acknowledgement of letter from Mr. McGill, and forwarded by Supervisor Mendelsohn, regarding complaint on Zoo conditions. Matter referred to Welfare Committee who will investigate and bring their findings to the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement. The Barking Dog Ordinance was returned to Fire, Safety and Police Committee for their August 14, 1975, meeting. Supervisor Francois' amendment providing enforcement through 2 signatures will be considered.

With a $500. appropriation from Mayor's office and labor by Youth Summer Help program, construction of additional doggy toilets at sites approved and requested by Recreation and Park Commission will start in 2 weeks.

Complaints have been received on SPCA's lack of participation in the animal control program; no citations were issued in July. Mr. Sander explained that due to the fact that the supplemental appropriation was denied, SPCA has reduced some services.

Commissioner Methner's motion for resolution to request posting of "curb your dog" signs referred to next meeting. No quorum present.

Welfare. Exercise area in Dolores Park, delineated by shrubs and located west side, parallel to Church St. and north side parallel to 18th St. (in back of tennis courts) is now completed. Sec. 40 signs are posted and contracts available for owner's compliance.

COMMISSION BROCHURE

Sample lay-out, for presentation of material approved by Commission, has been submitted. Final version will be presented when completed.

DOG CHASER

The high-frequency sound device designed to repel dogs has been successful according to Com. Hurley. The instrument carries approval by the Seattle and San Jose Humane Societies. Manufacturer's cautions must be strictly observed. When used correctly the only effect on the dog is immediate retreat to security.

SPAY CLINICS

San Diego County spay program is based on contracts with veterinarians for referral of spay services and license fees sufficiently high to be objectionable The resulting saving in a free 2-year license for newly spayed female with subsequent differentials is tantamount to reduced spay fee. Dr. Siegel will approach the S.F. Veterinarian Assn. at their September meeting to determine if a similar program might be considered for San Francisco.

California Animal Assn. plan involves no City money. All animal control proceeds go to the Association. Revenue is based on a heavy citation program. Cal. Animal Assn. requested a meeting with the Commission. Suggestion was made that they be invited at the earliest possible date.

National Animal Welfare League plan involves the transfer of a portion of City funds from the animal control appropriation and provision of city-owned improved property for the clinic. Mr. Gill of NAWL requested a meeting with a subcommittee. The matter is referred to Welfare Committee who will meet with Mr. Gill and get details for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting--Thursday, September 4, 1975, 2:15 P.M.
Room 400, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee reports
3. Preliminary presentation of proposed Animal Control Center by California Animal Control.
4. Discussion of license fee for 1976.

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Mahy, Methner, Howe, Dunlap, Radetich.

Absent: Commissioners Barron, Kolster, Stone, Schindel

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

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4. Discussion of Dog License Fee for 1976

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CAO letter of August 26, 1975 (re: possibility of streetsweepers' removing dog feces from sidewalks) pointed out Sec. 34 and 37 of S.F. Police Code puts responsibility on owner of property. Recommendation: Commission remind public of responsibility and inherent health hazards via news media.

Assemblyman Leo McCarthy letter of August 8, 1975 (re: enforcement of infractions) offered no legislation.Recommendation: strengthen local ordinances by following State statutes in Food and Agricultural Code.

PWD letter of August 25, 1975 (re: leash law enforcement signs at S.F. entry points) advised signs must be limited to essential traffic control in view of the safety factor involved in reading, and proven ineffectiveness of similar undertakings in the past. Recommendation: dissemination of leash law information through media and convention and tourist bureaus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welfare. National Animal Welfare League, Inc. letter of September 3, 1975, presenting proposal for establishment of a low-cost Spay and Neuter Clinic in San Francisco,read by Com. Mahy. Anticipated opening date--late 1975 or early 1976. Estimated fundsnecessary--$150,970. Collected to date-- 11,000. Although the suggested building or $25,000. participation by the City of S.F. would expedite matters. NAWL intends to honor its committment for establishment of the clinic at their earliest possible date.

ZOO. Commissioners Mahy and Radetich visited the Zoo. According to the Director, Dr. Mottram, due to lack of funding; City Charter and Union regulations on "breaks" and pitfalls of utilization of volunteers, only 2 of the 10 Commission suggestions of January, 1975, have been accomplished. Communication system is 60% completed; telephones for use by visitors and zoo keepers, with direct line to office, are available. Suggestions: Zoo keepers wear a "patch" for identification by visitors and S.F.P.D.; investigation of change in City Charter re: breaks; abatement of vandalism by teenagers, and their illegal entry, by extending ½ price to only those teenagers accompanied by parents; dated stickers worn by visitors, indicating "admission paid". The on-going pigeon control program for the Zoo will be taken up later. Dr. Mottram suggested the Commission check the Zoo from time to time. He will submit to the Commission a progress report.

Enforcement. No additional Dogpy Toilets have been built. [illegible]

CALIFORNIA ANIMAL CONTROL

Mr. Mills Crenshaw, Calif. Animal Control representative, presented slides and explanation of their general operation of animal control. Services offered: uniform enforcement of City animal laws by their Academy officers; education; licensing; animal disposal; low cost spay/neuter service(contracting with local veterinarians); volunteer program to facilitate adoptions; public access to shelter 24 hours a day (exc. 4 major holidays); hospital with veterinarian in daily attendance; quadrant system street patrol 24 hours per day--every day; euthanasia by Nitrogen chamber. No City funds required; California Animal Control revenue derived from proceeds of enforcement of animal laws.

Meeting adjoured 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting October 2, 1975 2:15 P.M. Room 300, 101 Grove St.

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of 1976 Dog License
   (a) amount
   (b) term
4. Discussion of Spay Programs
   (a) San Diego County type
   (b) National Animal Welfare League proposal
5. Further discussion of animal control program by CALIFORNIA ANIMAL CONTROL ASSN.

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Agenda:

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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Mahy, Methner, Howe, Hurley, Barron, Schindel

Absent: Commissioners Kolster, Stone

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of September 4, 1975, read. COMMITTEE REPORT ON ZOO: Line 5 clarified: telephones with direct line to office are not available for visitors. Minutes approved as amended.

Agenda:
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Acknowledgement of Commissioner Edgar Stone's request for resignation due to business and personal commitments' precluding adequate participation.

Following communications read:

1. CAO letter of August 26, 1975 regarding property-owner responsibility in Sec. 40 violations on sidewalks.
2. Marvin Levin's proposed changes in Sec. 41.5 and 41.7 of Ord. 226-73, regarding adoption provisions.
3. S.F. Veterinary Assn. proposal for spay clinic services to be developed and submitted for Commission consideration by next meeting. This plan will involve contract with hospitals of volunteer veterinarians; will be open to public; and services will be initiated by applications issued through the Commission office.
4. Portions of year-end report to Board of Supervisors, covering both implemented and ignored recommendations made by Commission to various City Departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement

Interdepartmental report by Officers Hurley and Sugrue to Capt. Taylor and referred to Animal Commission read by Com. Hurley. Pending receipt of official statement mentioned by Mr. Sander, Chairman Siegel recommended submitting this report to Chief Administrative Officer for investigation of allegations and determination of SPCA's compliance with their contract. Motion for resolution made and passed: request Board of Supervisors to make an investigation through CAO.

The U.S. Postal Service, in collaboration with S.F.P.D., is developing a brochure, outlining the 5 basic animal ordinances. This pamphlet, printed in English, Spanish and Chinese, is to be distributed by carriers to all S.F. residents on a specified day. It is the hope of the Postal Service that this action will alleviate the many problems experienced by that Department as a result of loose dogs. Distribution should take place by next meeting.

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DOG LICENSE FEE FOR 1976

Motion for resolution on changes in licensing for 1976 made and passed. The proposal of $8/$4.00 for 1 year; $14./$6.00 for 2 years; $18./$8.00 for 3 years was predicated on adequate incentive for altering of animals and elimination of clerical procedure duplication by extending term coverage. A minority request of $8./$3 for 1 year; $14/$5. for 2 years; $18/$7. for 3 years will be presented at Finance Committee hearing.

NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Recommendation made to table the NAWL spay/neuter plan. Statistics covering financial responsibility; information regarding supervisory responsibility was not clear.

CALIFORNIA ANIMAL CONTROL

No further communication from CAC. Reports submitted to Commission indicate the organization has undergone financial problems due to litigation proceedings and as of late September contracts for all but the Downey facility had been revoked. Motion for resolution passed: table until further notice.

Mr. Kaljian's letter of September 10, relating to CAC, acknowledged. This information will be made available to Commissioners if this subject is resumed.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting November 6, 1975, 2:15 P.M.
Room 400, 101 Grove Street

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1. Chairman's report
2. Committee Reports
3. Levin amendment to Animal Ordinance 226-73, Sec. 41.5 and 41.7(adoption provisions)
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101 Grove Street, Room 207, San Francisco, CA 94102
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Agenda

Thursday, November 6, 1975 Room 400, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

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ROLL CALL Present: Commissioner Radetich

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Minutes of Commission meeting of Thursday, November 6, 1975.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Mahy, Methner, Radetich, Schindel, Howe, Barron

Absent: Commissioners Hurley, Kolster

Also present: Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A. representative

Meeting came to order at 2:30 P.M.

Correction in Roll Call of October 2, 1975. Show present: Com. Radetich

Minutes approved as amended.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Com. Hurley's absence due to the fact that his daughter is undergoing heart surgery. Commission passed resolution of sympathy to Officer Hurley and family.

Acknowledgement of:

1. CAO memo re: L.A. District Attorney's complaint and restraining order against the Calif. Animal Control, Inc. Any further action tabled.
2. NAWL letter of 10/21/75 re: acquisition of building for operation of Low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic. Conditional use permit application will be filed. Anticipated opening date: January 15, 1976.
3. Announcement of new private emergency animal hospital services effective approximately Nov. 18, 1975. All Animals Emergency Hospital, 1333 9th Avenue, serving from 6 P.M. to 8 A.M. weekdays; Saturday 12 M. to Monday 8 A.M., weekends.
4. Tax Collector letter of 10-17-75 expressing preference for either a 1 year or 2 year license period and deletion of Cat Registration section.
5. City Attorney letter re: amendment of Sec. 215 to conform with State requirements regarding licensing at age 4 mos.

Changes will be submitted at Finance Committee meeting of 11/12/75.

6. SPCA letter in answer to charges by Com. Hurley was read earlier at Commission executive meeting. Mr. Sander distributed copies to public present. Copies of Com. Hurley charges and SPCA answer are available in Commission office.

ACWC brochure will be distributed to animal hospitals by commissioners.

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LEVIN AMENDMENT---ADOPTION PROPOSAL

Proposed amendment to Animal Ordinance 226-73, Sec. 41.5, providing for volunteer services available at Animal Control Center to assist in adoptions; adoption hours to include one evening per week; extension of impoundment period to 30 days, contingent on available space and prepaid care fees; appointment of coordinator of volunteers by AC&WC. Motion for resolution passed: submit proposed legislation to City Attorney and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for approved form, and scheduling for H&E Committee calendar, respectively.

S.F.VET.MED ASSN. SPAY/NEUTER PLAN

S.F. Veterinary Medical Assn. approved a spay/neuter plan involving participating veterinarians to perform an estimate of 15 to 20 surgical procedures per day, open to public (without screening). Animals must be in proper health and not exceed 6 years of age; proof of Distemper and Hepatitis immunization required. Fees: cat neuter: $15.00; cat spay: $25.00; dog neuter: $25.00; dog spay: graduated fee based on weight--$25.00 minimum. Reduction of cat spay fee and addition of immunization service is being pursued.

Motion for resolution passed: SFVMA offer accepted.

Meeting adjoured 4:30 P.M.

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Next Commission meeting Thursday, December 4, 1975 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of Animal Control Contract

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HAIRMAN'S REPORT

Proposed changes in Sec. 215, Dog License, involving fee of $8./$4.; ge 4 months and deletion of Cat Registration Clause passed at Finance ommittee meeting of 11/12/75 and put to full Board for 12/15/75.

cknowledgement of:

. Senator Moscone's letter of 11/28/75 re: consideration of AC&WC request f 11/26/75 pertaining to objection to Holmdahl SB 1115 in its present form, hich would hamper enforcement of animal control ordinance in San Francisco.
. AC&WC letter of 11/24/75 to City Attorney requesting proper form of Levin doption proposal for presentation to Committee of Board of Supervisors.
. AC&WC letter of 11/25/75 to City Attorney re: review of S.F. Veterinary edical Assn. Agreement for Spay/Neuter plan. Request for hearing in Committee of Board of Supervisors pending City Attorney response.
. Letters from various Animal Groups, Neighborhood Improvement Clubs and lizabeth Rainsford re: proposed changes in the Animal Control Contract.
. Request from residents of Bernal Heights for sweep of loose dogs in that rea.

OMMITTEE REPORTS

elfare. Com. Mahy reported Saul L. Kitchener, newly appointed Zoo director, ill follow up on Commission's 11-point recommendation. Chr. Siegel recomended the Committee meet with the new Director at his convenience.

nforcement: Com. Hurley reported that S.F.State Univ. has established a ennel available for students' dogs and loose dogs on campus. Campus police ill issue warnings rather than citations. Animals abandoned over night will e picked up by SPCA and impoundment fee charged on redemption.

The Water Dept. is interested in installation of a Doggy Toilet at the ombard and Hyde Park.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

Finance Committee meeting of 11/12/75 suggested: 1. increase of "loose og" patrols and extention of hours to early A.M. and P.M.; 2. meeting of AO, SPCA and ACWC to arrive at acceptable changes for Supervisors' approval of contract.

Ad Hoc Committee meeting of 11/21/75: CAO and SPCA shared philosophy n insignificance of control work as compared to other programs. AC&WC eels the need for more "loose dog" control at this time. One agreement: nce SPCA does not issue citations for violation of 41.12(a) upon redemp- on, redemption fee should be changed from $5. to $10.

Finance Committee meeting of 11/26/75: CAO & SPCA still reluctant to hange their attitude toward their efforts to picking up and citing for strays. ommittee suggestion: switch priorities to 2/3 control and 1/3 on other ctivities. Another AdHoc meeting will be scheduled after Mr. Friedrichs ets reaction of his Board of Trustees.

Com. Methner referred to his letters of Nov. 12, 13 and Dec. 4, 1975, egarding termination of control section of the contract with SPCA and plication of the proportionate monies to a detail of meter-maid or similar nforcement group under the Police Dept. According to Capt. Mullen of Mission ation P.D. does not have the necessary special personnel for duty routine to ccessfully enforce the leash law but is receptive to the idea of citation ersonnel hired with money saved from exclusion of enforcement provisions in PCA contract.

Alternatives to SPCA are being considered. One individual has expressed terest in assuming both control and shelter. Commission is getting figures n cost of control operation and lease of shelter.

Chr. Siegel asked that Enforcement Committee meet and consider the pro- sed changes submitted; go over the contract and list minimum requirements.

PTILE & AMPHIBIAN SALE RESTRICTION

Acknowledgement of petition re: reptile and amphibian sale restrictions. nce existing State laws may not be adequate, Chr. Siegel asked that the lfare Committee meet, check State and Federal laws, review pet and grooming ops and markets and bring facts to Commission.

OTIC ANIMALS

Com. Howe indicates that the PHD needs addition to animal ordinance to clude exotic pets, specifically "wild" animals. Commission has contacted counties asking for their ordinances. These ordinances, together with all her pertinent data, will be brought to the attention of Commissioners.

eting adjourned 3:40 P.M.

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Next Commission meeting January 8, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda: Chairman's Report
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Also present: Michael T. Surgue, SFPD; Eugene Sander, SFSPCA

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Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of meeting of December 4, 1975, approved as read.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Introduction of new Commissioner, Anna Tonneson
2. No response to date from City Attorney re: Levin Adoption amendment or SFVMA Spay/Neuter plan. Will pursue these matters and hope to have approval by next meeting so Commission can finalize for Board of Supervisors' action.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. In response to letter from Bay Area Turtle Society, Committee met and generally approved of that Society's position regarding prohibition of sale and importation of these animals in San Francisco. Matter still being considered. Hope to have more to report next month.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Committee met in December to discuss enforcement of animal ordinance and outline minimum requirements for the contract.
2. Although still having difficties in arranging for SPCA back-up trucks, Police Dept. reports a little more cooperation in the past two weeks from control officers when they do respond.
3. 20,000 Post Office Dept. brochures are scheduled for distribution in the Sunset-Parkside district this month.
4. Com. Methner reports members of East and West of Castro Imporvement Club agreed unanimously with the Animal Commission letter of 12-16-75 to Supervisor von Bereldingen re: SPCA contract.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission re-elected: Chairman--Dr. Siegel; Vice-chairman--Stanley Mahy. Commissioners should advise Chairman of any changes wanted in Committees.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

SPCA answer to Finance Committee suggestion that SPCA revise their schedule to provide more time and patrol for pick-up of loose dogs was expected at ad hoc meeting of 12-18-75. SPCA was not present but CAO relayed their message which indicated the only substantial change offered was discontinuance of the door to door licensing program, thereby making funds available for addition of 2 patrols. Chr. Siegel read: ACWC letter of 12-16-75 to Sup. von Bereldingen, reporting Commission's disappointment at SPCA's response to control suggestions; CAO letter of 12-23-75, reporting CAO's reaction to Commission letter of 12-16-75; SPCA's letter of 1-5-76, outlining decision of Board of Trustees: 1. SPCA could not discontinue pick-up of owner-surrendered animals but would make an effort to encourage owners to bring their pets to the shelter.

2. Reduction of shelter personnel impossible without affecting the care given.
3. Discontinuance of door-to-door dog license solicitations would permit budgetary adjustments allowing 2 additional patrols, making a total of 5 units.
4. Suggestion that since the 75-76 fiscal was half over the proposed program be put into effect and subsequent discussion concentrate on what is to be done in the fiscal 76-77.

Commission reaction included: 1 more attempt through letter to Board of Supervisors showing minimum requirements of contract; Police Dept. assume control program; look for another contractor; recommendation Commission be allowed to look for alternate means.

Resolution passed unanimously: Enforcement and Welfare Committees meet Monday A.M. 1/12/76, and present to the Commission at 1:30 P.M. their minimum requirements for contract, listing proposals and alternatives for seeking another contractor--results to be submitted by letter to CAO and Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, February 5, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
101 Grove Street, Room 300

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Animal Control Contract Discussion
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Commissioner Tonneson appointed to P.R. Committee and Welfare Committee.

2. Levin Amendment. Resolution passed: submit Levin amendment, as received from City Attorney, to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Health & Environment Committee calendar. Amendment to be presented at Committee: Sec. 41.7(f) line 27, add: "and on Sunday 12M to 4:30 P.M.". Other suggestions: Sec. 41.5.5, line 4: "appointed by Commission and approved by Animal Control Officer"and/or "appointed by Board of Supervisors and approved by Animal Control Officer".

3. S.F.V.M.A. City Attorney letter of 2-2-76 indicated that office would research, at their earliest opportunity, the legality of the Association's guidline fee schedule. Commissioner Tonneson will follow up on progress.

4. Exercise Areas. Com. Hurley will represent Commission at the 2/6/76 Planning Commission hearing regarding encroachment permit for 39th Ave & Quintara St. and 22nd and Arkansas St exercise areas.

5. Holmdahl SB1115. Commission letter of 1-19-76 to Sen. Holmdahl (cc to Sen. Marks and Gladys Sargent) expressed Commission objection to language of SB1115. Chr. Siegel read: Sen. Holmdahl's: 1/22/76 reply to Commission re: consideration of any amendment suggested by Commission; 1/20/76 reply to Fred Methner, admitting ambiguity of language and promising amendment to clarify intent. Commission will get copy of bill as amended in Senate.

6. ACWC Brochure. Read Supervisor Kopp's 1-19-76 letter of commendation on Commission brochure (cc to SFExaminer, Chronicle, Progress and Bay Guardian) and Bay Guardian acknowledgement item in 1-30-76 issue.

7. Cat Clinic. Read City Planning Environmental report on proposed Cat Clinic at 1540 California St. According to Com. Howe PHD inspected; approved site; presented report at public hearing 2/3/76. No Commission comment. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement. Post Office brochure distributed in Sunset-Parkside. Subsequent distribution will be in larger print and in Chinese, English and Spanish.

Welfare. According to Com. Mahy further action on Turtle legislation is pending receipt of all bills on sale and importation of exotics from Sen. Marks.

ction being considered: approach Health, Education and Welfare to implement legislation governing turtles other than over 4", Sea and Experimentals.

NIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

Read ACWC letter of 2/2/76 to Finance Committee, outlining recommended inimum requirements of animal control contract. Received from CAO on 2/3/76 eports of City of Hayward and Penn. Humane Society animal control services. t request of Com. Methner item deferred to 2/11/76 to enable arrangements or attendance and consideration of this additional material. Reports available in office for Commissioners' review. CAO favors approval of 75-76 contract as proposed by SPCA; Commission finds contractor's offer unacceptable. hr. Siegel will attend Fin. Com. and present Commission viewpoint.

EC. 41.10(a) REDEMPTION FEE

Resolution passed: Ask Clerk of Board of Supervisors to schedule Committee alendar for hearing of change in dog redemption fee from $5. to $10. in order o equalize penalty for redemption and citation for "at large". Suggested ecommendation at Committee: policy of warning for 1st offense in cases of inancially distressed owners.

OG POISONING

Com. Hurley's report on recent dog poisoning at Golden Gate Park indicated rompt and concerted efforts of R&P Dept, SFPD and SPCA resulted in: removal f poisoned meat; posting of warning signs; repeated soaking of field to dissipate poison traces; Coroner evaluation of strychnine used.

eeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

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Absent: Commissioner Siegel, Anson.

Also Present: Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.; Eugene Sander, S.F.S.P.C.A.

Meeting came to order 2:25 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Acknowledgement of material on radio and T.V. publicity submitted by Mrs. Lucchetti. Referred to Com. Tonneson, P.R. Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welfare: Committee still working on endangered species and dangerous animal lists.

Enforcement: Preponderance of complaints at P.D. Community Relations meeting at Hunters Pt. concerned loose dogs. On order of Chief Gain, Com. Hurley requested SPCA back-up trucks for a scheduled sweep of that area. No compliance to date. SPCA policy of avoiding routine patrols in public housing areas has resulted in build-up of free-roaming dog packs. Appeals to SPCA by residents and school principals are not satisfied.
Resolution passed: ACWC letter to CAO requesting that SPCA be required to patrol and pick up loose dogs in public housing areas on a regular basis; next contract to specifically prohibit existing policy. cc to SPCA, Chief Gain, Supervisors Feinstein, Kopp, Barbagelata and Ennis Kane, Supt. of Housing Assn.

At invitation of Como Club, Officers Hurley and Sugrue and Mr. Miller, CAO, attended the 2/26/76 meeting at Cleveland School to answer questions regarding the SPCA contract. Mr. Minton was not present. SPCA policy precludes participation in community club meetings. Mr. Miller advised that increased service would require increased budget.

Fund for Animals inquiries on status of: 1. Doggy Toilet at Alice Marble Playground at Hyde/Lombard--still under consideration. Public insisting something be done to abate Sec. 40 violations; Water Dept. working on budget for installation costs. 2. San Francisco State University campus kennel--Com. Hurley will forward newspaper report to Commission.

Officers Hurley and Sugrue will appear on KQED FM on Tuesday, 3/9/76, 1 to 2 P.M., for question and answer program conducted by Rodney Williams.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

In accordance with 2/24/76 request by Board of Supervisors that Commission submit recommendations for animal control contractor in time for 76-77 budget, Resolution passed: request Peninsula Humane Society to make a study of S.F. animal control situation and submit cost for services, per their letter of 12/22/75 to CAO.

DOLORES PARK PETITION

Mission West Mothers Preschool petition, requesting strict enforcement of Leash and Nuisance Laws in Dolores Park children's play area, read by representative. Police Code prohibits dogs in sand box area; Health Code prohibits nuisance and off-leash violations; R&P Dept. has provided leash-free exercise area. Violations continue; exercise area is ignored. In an effort to effect better enforcement, R&P Dept. has authorized additional signs prohibiting loose dogs and directing owners to exercise areas.

DOG POISONING--GOLDEN GATE PARK

Public complaints indicated that SPCA's response and posting of signs was inadequate; first and most effective signs were posted by private citizen. Com. Hurley reiterated: low-key press coverage was a professional recommendation intended to deter further poisoning incidents.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, April 1, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
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Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Methner, Hurley, Howe, Schindel, Radetich, Tonneson, Kolster

Absent: Commissioners Mahy, Barron

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

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Minutes approved as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Following communications read:

1. Board of Supervisors' notice of appointment of 4 Commissioners--Anson, Kolster, Siegel, Tonneson--for term ending 3/15/78.

2. CAO memo of 3/18/76 to SPCA requesting answer to:
Animal Welfare Assn. 2/27/76 request for information on number of dog and cat adoptions and percentage of neutered licensed dogs;
ACWC 2/27/76 re: possible SPCA assistance with DPH proposal to alleviate wild skunk and raccoon complaints;
ACWC 3/15/76 re: SPCA cooperation with P.D. in effecting patrol sweeps in S.F. Housing Development projects.

3. ACWC 3/15/76 to CAO requesting initiation of Peninsula Humane Society survey of animal control services for San Francisco;
ACWC 3/19/76 to Peninsula Humane Society confirming request to CAO for survey;
CAO 3/17/76 to Pen. Humane Soc. requesting study and budget for animal control services to be submitted in time for Board's 76-77 fiscal budget hearing.

4. ACWC 2/27/76 to Chief Gain re: PHD Bulletin 2/9/76 reporting decline of dog bites in last two years and suggesting favorable reflection on enforcement of local legislation through efforts of ACWC and SFPDACU;
Police Chief Gain acknowledgement of 3/4/76.

5. Article from Nancy Koch re: pitfalls of acquiring and maintaining live easter bunnies. Subject referred to P.R. Committee.

S.F.V.M.A. Spay/neuter Plan.
4/12/76 City Attorney ruling: maximum price list set by S.F.V.M.A. constitutes no violation of anti-trust laws. ACWC request of 11/25/75 for legal language for presentation to Clerk of Board for Committee calendar being pursued.

Levin Amendment and Sec. 41.13 Penalties
In view of anticipated change of Director of SPCA, these items postponed by Health & Environment Committee 3/23/76 until April meeting.

Exercise Areas--39th & Quintara; 22nd and Arkansas Sts.
In compliance with request of Clerk of the Board and in preparation for Streets and Transportation Committee meeting of 4/22/76, resolution passed: Ask City Attorney for ruling on City's potential liability if leash-free dog bites another animal or person in a designated exercise area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Enforcement:

1. Lack of SPCA patrols in Hunter's Point Housing Project contributing to increased loose dog and dog bite complaints. District Commander requests SPCA action.

2. Police on patrol duty not participating in citations for animal infractions. Resolution passed: Ask Chief Gain for cooperation of SFPD in enforcement of animal ordinance violations, particularly Section 41.12(a).

3. Article in campus paper on success of S.F.S.U. Kennel submitted to Commission for response to public inquiry.

4. If additional signs directing dog owners to exercise area in Dolores Park do not effect compliance, R&P Dept. will remove the exercise area and enforcement for violations will increase. Public suggestion for benches to accommodate owners while dogs are in exercise area is subject to Park Commission decision.

5. Captain of CenStation requests more enforcement due to increase of complaints of dog violations at Washington Square.

6. ZOO employee-pickets allowing delivery of food and supplies during strike. Adequate attention for animals is provided by administrative personnel.

7. Ritualistic slaughter of goats and chickens--throats slit; blood drained--and deposit of remains in Dolores Park under P.D. investigation.

8. Public response to recent Sec. 220 violation in Bernal Heights provided funds for owner, Mr. Caulfield, to prepare kennel in Coulterville to shelter his 28 dogs and 11 cats.

P.R. Committee:
Commissioner Tonneson report:

1 Letter of introduction with brochure enclosure sent to 80 newspapers and magazines in Bay Area. Next mailing to college, etc., publications.

2. Notice on live easter bunny problems and care submitted to local news media.

3. Tour of Peninsula Humane Society facility. Utilization of over 100 volunteers, directed by paid coordinator, provides: field animal-care instruction from kindergarten to high school; maintenance of Acquaintance Room and assistance with adoptions.

ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER OPERATION PROPOSED BY MR. CHARLES NALLEY

In accordance with Finance Committee request for recommendations for pound contract, Commission worked with Charles Nalley, City of Hayward Animal Control Officer, to formulate services and budget suitable for San Francisco. Chr. Siegel read the proposed program and ACWC 4/1/76 letter to Finance Committee, submitted as Commission recommendation of guide to suitable services and cost estimate, and suggested Commissioners peruse the distributed copies in preparation for further discussion.

SPCA COMPLAINT--CAT ADOPTION

Chr. Siegel recommended Nancy Pellerito contact CAO if violation of SPCA Agreement was suspected. Only CAO has access to Pound records.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting: Thursday, May 6, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of rules on individual Commissioners' Correspondence

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Thursday, May 6, 1976 Room 300, 101 Grove St 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of rules on individual Commissioners' Correspondence

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Commission meeting of May 6, 1976

Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Methner, Hurley, Howe, Schindel, Radetich, Tonneson, Kolster, Mahy

Absent: Commissioner Barron

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, SFPD; Eugene Sander, SFSPCA

Agenda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion of Rules on individual Commissioner's correspondence

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. San Francisco Veterinary Medical Assn. Spay/Neuter Plan. Acknowledged City Attorney letter of 4/19/76, confirming decision of no violation of federal or state laws pertaining to restraint of trade. Read Animal Commission letter of 4/23/76, to Clerk of Board of Supervisors, requesting Committee calendar for this item.

2. Due to Com. Tonneson's efforts media provided good coverage for Easter bunny publicity.

3. At Finance Committee meeting of 4/20/76, CAO presented SPCA's acceptance of the Mayor's Pound budget of $492,593 and services to be rendered for this figure. Commission will contact Mayor requesting consideration of a supplemental budget in order to provide more comprehensive and effective animal control program in lieu of inadequate services offered for the present budget.

4. The question of whose authority it was to select Pound contractor was ambiguous at Finance Committee meeting. Read ACWC letter of 4/28/76 to Supervisor Barbagelata, quoting Health Code Sec. 41.4 which provides for Board of Supervisors' appointment of Animal Control Officer.

5. Peninsula Humane Society letter of 4/14/76 to CAO outlined their proposed plan of operation for animal control at an estimated $450,000. to $500,000. (exclusive of shelter and truck costs) and indicated further detailed study would be undertaken upon request of representatives of the City of San Francisco. Letter distributed to Commissioners for their consideration.

6. Chr. Siegel and Com. Hurley inspected Hunters Pt. facility, formerly used as kennel by Federal Government. While old and in dis-repair, it had possibilities as animal shelter in event of emergency.

7. Mr. Nalley answered questions on his proposed animal control program. Chr. Siegel suggested public reactions be submitted in writing. Resolution passed: Commission send letter to Board of Supervisors approving in principle the Nalley proposal.

8. Read 4/3/76 letter from Christie Hochschild re: proposed leash law changes. Copies will be sent to Commissioners for study; any suggestions may be taken up at next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement

1. Installation of additional signs directing public to Dolores Park exercise area in abeyance until strike settlement.

2. Doctor at Harbor Emergency registered concern over round worm and other contamination resulting from Health Code Sec. 40 and Park Code Sec. 46 violations in childrens' play and sand box areas at City parks.

3. Re Leash Law enforcement jurisdiction at certain coastal areas--: Marina Green--SFPD; Sutro Heights Park--joint SFPD and Nat'l. Park Service; Ocean Beach--Nat'l Park Service; complaints at Ocean Beach involving dogs bothering horses--joint SFPD and Nat'l Park Service.

4. Com. Methner read Vincent Faber's letter suggesting: increase of Redemption fee from $5. to $25.; initiation of steps to expedite enforcement of outstanding bench warrants on animal citations; SPCA's opportune response to loose dog complaints.

5. At request of Director of SPCA, Officers Hurley and Sugrue gave 1½ hours instruction to SPCA personnel on proper approach to public. Next week training will be on proper procedure in answering phone calls.

SPCA's animal control proposal for 76-77 read and distributed to Commissioners for study. Mr. Avanzino, Director of SPCA, answered questions and indicated trial-basis innovations which would be subject to change based on cost-need analysis.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 P.M.

N.B. Next meeting Thursday, June 3, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove St.

Agenda: Chairman's Report
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Commission meeting of June 3, 1976

Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Howe, Barron, Hurley, Methner, Radetich, Mahy

Absent: Commissioners Kolster, Tonneson, Schindel

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

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Minutes of meeting of May 6, 1976, approved as read.

Agenda: Chairman's Report
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Read SPCA letter 5/18/76 to Officer Hurley re: appreciation of in-service training by A.C.U.; request for P.D. Coverage in anticipated housing area sweeps; patrol activity report for Bernal Heights, Monterey Heights and Haight-Ashbury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement.

1. A.C.U. working with SPCA to effect sweeps in Sunnydale Housing. Planning sweeps for other areas.
2. Complaints received by A.C.U. sent to SPCA who report progress to A.C.U.
3. Meeting 6/8/76 with SPCA for instruction on leash law enforcement, contact with public and court procedure.
4. Park and Beach Squad, returned to City Parks, now available for enforcement of animal ordinances.
5. Citations being issued in Dolores Park. Substantial number of citizens advocate discontinuance of exercise area. Com. Barron reported exercise areas set up on contingency basis; if Gen. Mgr. of R&P Dept. feels complaints justify, the privilege may be rescinded.
6. Exercise area near Jr. Museum will be ready within the month; Huntington Park within next several months.

Welfare.

1. Legislation being prepared to restrict sale of certain species--turtles, snakes, etc.,--the handling of which might be injurious to either animal or handler. Chr. Siegel requested Committee present legislation for Commission's consideration.
2. Read Com. Tonneson's 5/24/76 letter to Mr. Nalley re: Committee recommendation that Mr. Nalley include in his proposed program"impounded-dog"notification to other local humane agencies and inclusion of "humane" or "welfare" on trucks.
3. Read letter from Mr. Herman re: SPCA's unresponsive attitude on his 5/22/76 report of abandoned dog. Efforts of other animal agencies reunited dog and owner.
4. Acknowledged Dawn L. Gordon and Clark N. Starry complaints re: SPCA cat adoptions. Resolution passed: refer to Welfare Committee for recommendation to full Commission. Copies being sent to SPCA in preparation for discussion at joint ad hoc committee meeting.

Public Relations.

1. Acknowledgement of Com. Tonneson's letter requesting Commission decision

re: press release advising public of impending consideration of alternates for animal control contract.
2. Chr. Siegel recommended for next agenda: instruction to public on hazards of leaving dogs in closed automobiles during summer months.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT.

Chr. Siegel read 2-part questionaire on contract requirements and CAO letter of 5/17/76 to SPCA, PHS and C. Nalley, asking bidders to submit services to be rendered for $492,593. by 5/28/76 for mid-June consideration by Finance Committee.

Com. Methner read Supervisor Nelder's letter of 5/27/76 acknowledging receipt of copy of Mr. Nalley's letter to Mayor Moscone, with comments on the seemingly superiority of the program offered.

BARKING DOG COMPLAINT

Mrs. Brosnon presented her complaint on lack of enforcement on barking dog violation. Com. Hurley reported: responses by P.D. and the 10 minute requirement of 41.12(d) failed to coincide; ACU investigation failed to locate a second person necessary for implementation of citizen's arrest provision of 41.12(e).

"CURB YOUR DOG" CAMPAIGN

Gayle Temkin reported on Nob Hill Neighbors kick-off campaign to be video-taped from San Jose 6/5/76. Nob Hill club anxious to effect compliance of Leash and Nuisance ordinances through publicity and education on health hazards resulting from dog feces contamination.

PROPOSED CAT-TRAP LEGISLATION

Ron Green submitted proposed legislation prohibiting and/or limiting use of cat-traps in San Francisco. Presentation suggested "inhumane" aspects of SPCA cat traps, including design, intent of trapper and fate of trapped cat. Modified version submitted by public. Mr. Avanzino contended the program was designed as most humane way to apprehend nuisance cats. SPCA's registration program provides sufficient identification for notification if an "owned" cat is trapped.

Proposal referred to Enforcement and Welfare Committees. Committee recommendations will be discussed at next Commission meeting.

LEASH LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

Read 4/3/76 letter from Christie Hochschild re: leash law change providing enforcement of leash law violations in parks only between 10 A.M. and 5 P.M., or whatever hours R&P Dept. deems heavy use, since Alta-Plaza has no exercise area. Com. Barron reported that the idea of an exercise area at Alta-Plaza Park was abandoned due to objections of a substantial number of residents in that area. He will discuss the proposal with R&P Dept. Tabled.

SPCA REPORT

1. Animal Center undergoing changes in personnel and telephone procedures.
2. Hope to work with Commission on animal welfare matters.
3. Statistics requested by Animal Welfare Assn. 2/18/76 re: number of cats and dogs adopted in 1975 and percentage spayed or neutered not available.
4. Working with ACU on problem areas and housing projects sweeps.
5. Impounded injured animals are taken immediately to infirmary. Five doctors are on duty during day-time hours.

Meeting adjourned 5 P.M.

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Thursday, July 1, 1976 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on Cat-Trap Legislation
4. Discussion of status of (Levin) Adoption Program

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Commission meeting of July 1, 1976. Minutes

Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Howe, Barron, Hurley, Tonneson, Mahy, Schindel, Radetich

Absent: Commissioners Kolster, Methner

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

Changes in 6/3/76 minutes requested: Enforcement Committee: Jr. Museum Exercise Area will be ready within the next several months. Leash Law Change: Alta Plaza Exercise Area still under consideration.

Minutes approved as amended.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Read 6/25/76 letter from Mr. Boreman re: Health & Environment Committee referral of Levin Adoption amendment to Animal Commission for possible changes resulting from meeting with Mr. Avanzino. Adoption provisions to be discussed with contractor before inclusion in new contract. Resolution passed: Table until appointment of new animal control contractor.
2. Sec. 41.13 Penalties. H&E Committee meeting 6/22/76 found presentation of intent unclear. Continued to call of the chair.
3. Read Mrs. Childs' 6/8/76 letter directed to various Supervisors and Supervisors' requests for Commission comments on leash law change proposal. Copies of letter to be sent to Commissioners for study in preparation for discussion at August 5, meeting.
4. Selection of animal control contractor calendared for Finance Committee 7/7/76. Emergency Commission meeting to be held Friday, July 2, 1976, 2 P.M., for study of both bids and Commission recommendation.
5. SFVMA Spay/Neuter proposal still not calendared for Board Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement.

1. 6/24/76 Streets & Transportation meeting: 39th & Quintara and 22nd & Arkansas Sts. Exercise Areas and amendment to Sec. 41.12(a), requiring owner present in exercise areas, passed.
2. Meeting with Noise Control Board for procedure on no. 1 complaint--barking dogs.
3. Read Committee Cat-trap recommendations: emphasis on registration and altering of cats; enforcement of existing welfare laws for cats; public education on adoptions; extension of shelter hours to facilitate adoptions.
4. Mrs. Brosnan's barking dog complaint report: 2nd party necessary for implementation of 41.12(e) found; citation issued; $50. bench warrant issued; owner opted to one night in jail; dog still barking.

Welfare.

1. Committee Cat-trap recommendations: consideration of ruling to allow SPCA to post notices on utility poles; notification to Block Capt.; sign on trappers house; leaflets (50/blk) supplied by SPCA and distributed by trap-setter; registration or ID stressed by SPCA.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS- Enforcement-: Jr. Museum Exercise Area will be ready within the next several months.

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LEASH LAW CHANGE - Alta Plaza Exercise Area still under consideration.

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2. Endangered and Problem Animals. Read proposed legislation prohibiting sale, purchase or import of: any animal the keeping or handling of which presents a danger to humans and/or said animals, - to include poisonous reptiles and insects, non-domestic biting animals (jungle cats and members of the canine family); Endangered Species of mammals, birds, reptiles or insects and any other animals inherently fragile and/or lacking ability to protect themselves (rabbits, squirrels, etc.)

P.R.

1. Com. Tonneson's press release on Nalley bid submitted to media. Copies available.
2. "Hot Dog", licensing, exercise areas, curb your dog, etc., article being drafted for publication.

CAT TRAPS

Due to divergent opinions on free-roaming cats, registered cats, methods of use, distribution and notification of cat traps and legal implications, Resolution passed: Postpone commission action for 60 days to allow necessary study.

EXOTIC PET PROPOSAL

Com. Howe still working on legislation. Recommendation: Welfare Committee work with Com. Howe to consider possibility of inclusion of Exotic, Endangered and problem animals in one resolution.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

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Special Commission meeting of July 2, 1976, Room 300, 101 Grove Street.

Meeting came to order 2:15 P.M.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Barron, Hurley, Tonneson, Mahy, Schindel, Radetich, Methner

Absent: Commissioners Kolster, Howe

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

Agenda: Animal Control Contract discussion

Approval of Animal Control Contractor scheduled for 7/7/76 joint Finance and Health & Environment Committees. Regardless of CAO's selection and recommendation of SPCA, Commission is obliged to examine both proposals and make recommendation to Board of Supervisors.

Nalley proposal discussed at a previous date. SPCA proposal read. Control and welfare provisions compared.

Based on the more complete and comprehensive program of control and certain welfare provisions offered by Nalley, Resolution passed: approve Nalley proposal and submit Commission recommendation at Finance and H&E Committee meeting.

Ayes: Hurley, Tonneson, Mahy, Schindel, Radetich, Methner
No: Anson
Abstain: Barron

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

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Thursday, August 5, 1976 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of Mrs. Childs' Letter

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Commission meeting of August 5, 1976.

Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of July 1, 1976, approved as read.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Barron, Mahy, Kolster, Tonneson, Hurley, Schindel, Radetich, Methner

Absent: Commissioner Anson

Also present: Mr. Jack Coyne, SFPHD; Officer Michael T. Sugrue, SFPD.

Agenda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion of Mrs. Childs' Letter

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Read CAO 8/2/76 letter to City Attorney requesting advices on legality of execution of S.F.V.M.A. Spay/Neuter Agreement by Animal Control Commission.
2. Allegations against Mr. Nalley heard and determined unsubstantiated at Finance-Health & Environment meeting of 7/28/76. Pending receipt of additional information on Mr. Nalley's financial status, Board of Supervisors' hearing on Animal Contract extended to 8/9/76.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enforcement.

1. Mrs. Brosnon barking dog complaint: dog removed from Tire Co. premises. No further complaints from neighborhood.
2. ACU activity reports responding to 5147 citizens' animal complaint for period December, 1974, through June, 1976, available at Commission office. Chief Gain advises ACU will continue operations. At suggestion of Com. Radetich reports will be included in quarterly report to Board of Supervisors.

P.R.

1. On July 10, 1976, Com. Tonneson addressed a church congregation of 200 on animal care, ordinances, spay/neuter clinics, exercise areas, ACWC and PDACU.
2. "Hot Dog" and theft hazards in cars and ordinance publicity not yet ready for media.

MRS. CHILDS' LETTER--Change in Leash Law

Read Mrs. Childs' letter of 6/8/76 re: change in leash law to "on leash or under control"(with determination of "control" left to descretion of officer) and emphasis on enforcement of Sec. 40.

Commission consensus: welfare of both public and animals suggests continuation of "on leash" law. Provision for exception of "off-leash hours in certain areas" requires amendment of Sec. 41.12(a). Resolution passed: No change in Leash Law at the present time.

Discussion of "off-leash hours in certain areas" left for future date. Suggested locations may be submitted to Commission office.

Until Sec. 40 is put into the animal contract, SPCA assuming no responsibility for enforcement. Possible solution: education among animal owners and through animal groups.

PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY--Animal Control Proposal

Com. Tonneson reports P.H.S. has had no response from the City regarding their Animal Control contract offer.

To date Commission files show no evidence of acknowledgement by CAO.

LAFAYETTE PARK EXERCISE AREA

Mrs. Luria read her letter of 8/5/76 and submitted petition requesting exercise area in Lafayette Park. Com. Barron will present proposal to R&P Commission. Resolution passed: Recommend to R&P Commission and Board of Supervisors that strong consideration be given Lafayette Park Exercise Area.

BUBONIC PLAGUE--LAKE TAHOE

Since Health Dept. is finding parasites from specimens, and the dog flea is vector of plague, Mr. Coyne recommended: wise not to take animals to this area; sleep off the ground; use insect repellent.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

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Next Commission Meeting Thursday, September 2, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion on Cat Traps
Discussion of Identification badge for Commission Members

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Committee Reports
Cat Trap Legislation discussion
Commissioner Identification Badge discussion

HAIRMAN'S REPORT

cknowledgements:

- Commission sympathy on death of Mrs. Methner.
- Appointment of Commissioner Paul Schwabacher, D.P.H.
- ACWC 8/26/76 letter and Com. Tonneson 8/20/76 letter to Peninsula Humane Society in appreciation for response to bids for animal control contract.
- City Attorney 8/20/76 letter to CAO advising SFVMA Spay/Neuter proposal submitted by ACWC for review provides for agreement between the C&C of San Francisco and individual veterinarians and City Charter provides that Purchaser shall enter into agreements for all contractual services; 8/26/76 communication with Nancy Dykes, CAO, indicating this letter had not reached her for consideration.
- Ordinance 287-76, amending Sec. 41.12 to provide for owner's presence in exercise area, being returned to City Attorney and/Committee due to clerical error.
- ACWC 8/25/76 letter advising Mrs. Lucchetti that her 9/76 petition for outlaw of euthanair and 8/76 letter recommending tattooing for animal identification were forwarded to Welfare Committee and Enforcement Committee, respectively, for evaluation.
- ACWC 8/26/76 letter to Com. Barron requesting R&P Dept. determination on requests for exercise areas: C.Lyn Fox, 4/22/76, on Mt. Davidson and Wendy B. Wieber, 7/17/76, at 20th & Vermont Sts.
  Com. Barron reported acceptability of these areas now under investigation. Lafayette Park approved and signs to be posted by October.
- Brian Schumacher 8/30/76 letter to S.F.A.C.U. reporting various animal ordinance violations at 829 Broderick. DPH and ACU working on problems at present time.
- Communication from Virginia Handley, 8/30/76, recommending investigation into use of Ornitrol to abate pigeon problem.
  Letter will be sent to Welfare Committee to see if some action can be taken at this time.

OMMITTEE REPORTS

nforcement. Com. Hurley read ACU July report involving response to 326 animal omplaints; met with SPCA to draft animal control officer's weekly activity eport, to be implemented on trial basis by 9/15/76.

New court procedure, effective upon receipt of revised citation form dirtions, should provide effective source of animal violation data. Room 101 ill accept payment of citation; assign court date if citation protested; issue ench warrant for non-compliance of 30-day notice.

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om. Tonneson's press release on "hot dog", theft, plague, exercise areas, license nd SPCA cat registeration submitted to major media 8/76.

CAT TRAP LEGISLATION

SPCA reported need for cat traps; potential for public's less humane means of dealing with stray and nuisance cats if program abated; lack of evidence of general abuse in cat trap use; screening of rental requests and investigation of suspect cases; restriction of traps through ACO only unmonitorable; more involved statistics on cat trap rentals unfeasable.
RESOLUTION PASSED: Table cat trap legislation until further action is warranted.

COMMISSIONER IDENTIFICATION BADGE

In response to Com. Methner's request for more visible identification
RESOLUTION PASSED: Ask Board of Supervisors for authorization to provide identification badges, cost to be borne by Commissioner.

SPCA ADOPTION PROGRAM

In consideration of his shelter experience and ability to work with public and other animal societies, SPCA appointed Mr. James Hills as acting coordinator of adoption program. Mr. Hills reported development of application form for volunteers; adoption center equipped with movie screen showing animal care and education; "acquaintance" room; cross index lost & found file. Presently 5 volunteers in service.
RESOLUTION PASSED: Commission approves of appointment of Mr. Hills as coordinator of volunteers and the adoption program as presented at this time.

DOG RACING--PROP. 13

"Committee against Dog Racing" representative will submit to Commission literature and findings of current investigations revealing inhumane aspects of Dog Racing.

REDEMPTION FEES AND FINES PROCEDURE

SPCA requested Commission views on citation procedure on redemptions. Pending determinations of joint meeting of Welfare and Enforcement Committees on possible changes in Sec. 215 to provide for "late license" fee, recommendation made to cite for violation of 41.12(a) only.

Meeting adjourned 4:05 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission Meeting Thursday, October 7, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion of possible change in Sec. 215(License)
Discussion of Redemption fines and fees procedure

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Thursday, October 7, 1976 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of possible change in Sec. 215 (License)
4. Discussion of Redemption fines and fees procedure

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Commission meeting of October 7, 1976

Meeting came to order 2:15 P.M.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Radetich, Schindel, Hurley, Schwabacher, Mahy, Tonneson, Kolster

Absent: Commissioners Barron, Methner

Also present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

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Agenda: Chairman's Report
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Discussion of change in Sec. 215 (License)
Discussion of Redemption Fines and Fees

Minutes of September 2, 1976 approved as read.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Acknowledged Howard Freeman letter of 8/24/76, forwarded by Supervisor Tamaras, recommending change in ordinance or relaxing enforcement of present leash law.
Read ACWC response of 9/20/76 advising that Commission policy does not recommend change in leash law at present time.

Presented:

2. ACWC 9/20/76 letter to Gilbert Boreman, requesting initiation of proper steps necessary to receive authorization for Commissioner's identification badge.
3. SPCA 9/27/76 letter to Jack Coyne, confirming willingness to accept raccoons confined in traps furnished and set by DPH.
4. SPCA annual report for fiscal 75-76 forwarded by CAO.
5. CAO 9/14/76 letter to Mr. Boreman, recommending evaluation of adequacy of Spay Clinic SPCA agreed to provide by 11/9/76 as requirement for Animal Control Contract for 76-77 before requesting establishment of the additional SFVMA program.
6. SPCA 9/27/76 letter to CAO, advising of 2-week moratorium on cat adoptions due to outbreak of cat virus in shelter.
7. New format for SPCA Monthly Report received from CAO.
8. SPCA cat adoption complaints submitted by Mildred Rhodes, Information Committee for Pets and Pals. Referred to Committee for consideration.
9. "NO ON PROP 13" material--buttons, cards and bumper stickers--received and available for individual commissioner's consideration.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Distributed suggested animal control officer's weekly activity report form providing daily patrol and enforcement statistics.
2. Noise Task Force Report: ACU handled 2168 barking dog complaints through 2132 arbitrations and 36 citations.
3. SPCA participation in enforcement of barking dog ordinance: acceptance of complaints and filling out of PD post card warnings and forwarding to ACU for signature and mailing.
4. Difficulties in enforcement of Penal Code 596, Dog Poisoning, involve identification of suspect; lack of city funding for analysis of medium unless suspect known; legal requirements on labs and procedures leading to court appearance.
Com. Schwabacher will investigate enforcement procedures and labs.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. Petition for outlaw of Euthanaire. Committee recommendation: Euthanaire be replace by Sodium Pentabarbitol Injection.
2. Ornitrol--Pigeon Control. Available information on merits of Ornitrol inconclusive. Possible potential as adjunct to trapping.

Chr. Siegel suggested further investigation of Ornitrol cost and effectiveness and review of trapping contract requirements, monitoring and enforcement.

3. Angel Island Deer. Requested support on proposed program of feeding, veterinarians' inspection, innoculation, etc., and transfer of excess animals to private property.

Resolution passed for Commission to write Dept. of Fish & Game expressing hope for procedures other than slaughter of animals.

P.R.COMMITTEE

Com. Tonneson will send to SPCA and PHS World Humane Society literature on alternatives to Decompression Chamber.

LICENSE-REDEMPTION PROCEDURE

SPCA having difficulties enforcing existing ordinance provisions for fees plus citations pertaining to Licensing violations with Redemptions.

Chart developed from 6 Bay Area jurisdictions, and distributed for Commissioners' study, indicates majority have enforcement procedures with either parallel or additional fees and fines.

Tabled for discussion at next meeting.

SPCA REPORT

1. Full service 7 AM to 7 PM, 7 days a week, effective 11/1/76, will continue as budget allows.
2. 1 or 2 shelter rooms vacated and sterilized for acceptance of new impounds at end of 2-week cat adoption moratorium.
3. SPCA will accept poison specimens for analysis for purpose of identification only.

SPCA CAT ADOPTIONS COMPLAINT

Mildred Rhodes requested Commission support on complaints involving SPCA reluctance to: immunizing impounded cats eligible for adoption; advising owners of Sodium Pentabarbitol injection alternative when surrendering animals for euthanasia.

Request sent to committee for further study.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, November 4, 1976, 2:15 P.M.
Room 320, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA License Canvassing
4. Discussion of possible change in Licensing
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SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco,CA 94102
Tel. No. 558-5775

Thursday, November 4, 1976 Room 320, 101 Grove St. 2:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

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Commission meeting of November 4, 1976 Minutes

Meeting came to order 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Com. Mahy, Anson, Schindel, Radetich, Tonneson, Methner, Schwabacher

Absent: Com. Kolster, Barron, Hurley

Also absent: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

Correction: Minutes of 10/7/76--P.R.COMMITTEE--Royal Society P.C.A. not World S.P.C.A.

Minutes approved as amended.

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Agenda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion of SPCA License Canvassing.
Discussion of possible change in Licensing.(Sec. 215)
Discussion of Redemption Fines and Fees Procedure. (Sec. 41.10)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. ACWC 10/22/76 letter to Mr. Charles Nalley extending Commission gratitude for efforts expended on his animal control contract proposal.
2. ACWC 10/22/76 letter to Dept. of Fish & Game expressing hope that that Dept. could find a solution, other than slaughter, to the Angel Island deer problem.

Acknowledged:

3. SPCA 10/11/76 letter to ACWC specifying locations for release of raccoons captured in San Francisco.
4. Ted Sorich 10/12/76 letter to Board of Supervisors requesting implementation of SFVMA spay/neuter program.
5. SPCA November News Release announcing opening of its low-cost spay/neuter clinic.
6. Lara DeKropp 10/20/76 complaint on SPCA dog adoption procedure. Referred to Welfare Committee.
7. Florence Sarrett 10/14/76 letter to Sup.Nelder re:lack of action on poison analysis;Sup.Nelder memo to ACU suggesting sample be sent to DPH for analysis
8. Dan Kaljian 10/23/76 letter to ACWC re:ACWC responsibility in dog poisonings. Com. Methner presented his response to that portion of the letter addressing him specifically.
9. ACWC press release re: NO ON PROP 13.
10. SPCA contract for FY 76-77.
11. SPCA monthly reports for August and September using new format. Specific Number of "at large" animals picked up & "surrendered" not included.

Above material available in Commission office.

12. Signs now posted in Lafayette Park Dog Exercise Area.
13. H&E Committee 10/26/76 calendar for hearing on Commissioner's Identification Badge was not received by Commission.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. Dept. of Fish and Game will issue a report at conclusion of their investigation of Angel Island deer problems.
2. Read Fund for Animals letter to CAO expressing opposition to renewal of

Pigeon Control contract with Animal Specialties.
Chr. Siegel suggested Commission objections to the contract be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors.

P.R. COMMITTEE

Acknowledged:

1. SPCA press release on Angel Island Deer.

Presented:

2. 10/20/76 letter to PHS and SFSPCA forwarding RSPCA literature on alternates to euthanaire.
3. National Cat Protection Society letter advocating Sodium Pentabarbitol injection and opposing euthanaire. Literature to be forwarded to PHS and SFSPCA.

Request for rubber stamp--PRESS RELEASE--to be used on ACWC letterhead for media notices approved.

ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS

1. Com. Methner reported insufficient leash law enforcement in Noe Valley.

2. Com. Mahy reported receipt of complaint of "undue harassment by SPCA" in Forest Hills.
   Mr. Avanzino indicated SPCA responded to repeated complaints from a close neighbor and cited when violation was witnessed.

SPCA LICENSE CANVASSING

Mr. Avanzino expressed concern over '76 licensing goals; presented suggestions for changes in Sections 215 and 41.10; requested Commission recommendations on canvassing and City Attorney interpretation of SPCA citation obligations.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, December 2, 1976 2:15 P.M.
Room 320, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of Redemption fines and fees procedures
4. Discussion of possible changes in Licensing

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resent: Chairman Mahy, Commissioners Anson, Kolster, Methner, Radetich, Barron, Schwabacher, Tonneson, Hurley, Schindel

bsent: Commissioner Siegel

lso present: Officer Michael T. Sugrue, S.F.P.D.

inutes of 11/4/76 approved as read.

genda: Chairman's Report
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Discussion of possible changes in Licensing

HAIRMAN'S REPORT

resented:

. Petition requesting Sec. 40 and 41.12(a) signs in Lakeshore-Sunset Blvd. rea.
If ACU stencil for painting signs on individual sidewalks is not effective ther suggestions will be pursued. Committee on signs: Commissioners Tonneson, adetich, Anson, Barron, Hurley.

. For referral to Welfare Committee:
(a) Barbara Belle Diamond 11/19/76 letter to Mildred Rhodes re: SPCA unresponsiveness to request for reservation on adoption of bassett hound.
Mr. Avanzino advised SPCA neither reserves animals nor maintains a waiting list for particular breeds.
(b) Alan J. Baines 12/1/76 letter to Mildred Rhodes re: complaint on treatment of cat at shelter.
Mr. Avanzino advised testimony of the 4 officers substantiated complainant's charge was based on erroneous interpretation of shelter event.

. SPCA has requested retraction of S.F.Chronicle statement re: 6-year age imit for surgeries. Clinic regulations stand as shown in brochure.
Resolution passed: Commission send letter of compliment on SPCA spay/neuter rogram.

. Since lack of notice precluded representation at 11/17/76 Finance Committee earing on SFVMA program, Commission requested extention for 1 month in order o present its views on need for as much low-cost spay/neuter service as can be rovided. Item put over to Finance Committee meeting 12/15/76.

. Ted Sorich 11/27/76 suggestions for handling 2 spay programs available.

. Identification Badge approved at 11/23/76 H&E Committee meeting; Clerk of oard will issue cards for interested commissioners.

. 1973 provisions for ACWC participation in Pigeon Control program not ipulated in 1976 contract.

NFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

. 410 animal complaints processed by ACU in October.

. At request of Central Station ACU and SPCA conducted a 10-day concentrated ntrol to alleviate animal complaints in Washington Square.

. In answer to his 11/4/76 letter on lack of animal ordinance enforcement in e Valley, Com. Methner presented Sup. Feinstein's 11/16/76 reply indicating tter referred to SPCA and Chief Gain and his letter of 12/1/76 to Chief Gain equesting police involvement in enforcement of Sections 40 and 41.12(a).

P.R. COMMITTEE

Mass. SPCA material on outlaw of Euthanaire in that State being forwarded to SPCA, PHS and Pet Pride.

Com. Tonneson presented her

a) 11/17/76 response to Dan Kaljian letter re: ACWC responsibility in dog poisoning, advising no press release involved Leash Law.

b) 11/22/76 letter to Editors recommending Easter bunnies no longer wanted be put up for adoption or euthanized but not abandoned.

REDEMPTION FINES AND FEES PROCEDURES

Resolution passed: No change in $10.00 redemption fee at this time.

11/19/76 ACWC letter requested City Attorney ruling on obligation of SPCA to cite for Sec. 215 violation on redemptions.

Motion to eliminate $25. fine for License violation tabled.

LICENSING CHANGES

Resolution passed: Amend Sec. 215 (License) to provide for $4.00 late-license penalty.

PARKING PROVISION

Commission suggested letter to Police Commission requesting on-street parking privilege provision for commissioners.

PSITTACOSIS

DPH requested recommendations on procedures to abate increase of psittacosis cases in humans. Due to absence of Dr. Siegel matter put over to January meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:40 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting Thursday, January 6, ~~1976~~ 1977 2:15 P.M.
Room 320, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
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4. Discussion of possible licensing changes
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6. Discussion of procedures to abate Psittacosis

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Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

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Commission meeting of January 6, 1977

Meeting came to order 2:20 P.M.

Present: Chairman Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Schindel, Radetich, Kolster, Hurley, Schwabacher, Barron, Tonneson, Methner, Mahy

Also present: Officer Lou Sylvestri, S.F.P.D.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. Com. Methner's letters of 12/7/76 and 12/10/76 requesting regular monthly Committee meetings with chairman's report to Commission; Commission appeal to Police Chief or Police Commission for enforcement of animal ordinance; secret ballot in election of officers.
2. Mr. Boreman's letter of 11/30/76, at direction of Sup. Molinari, requesting Commission inquiry into recent allegation of inhumane control measures practised at Zoo with report to Board of Supervisors and R&P Dept.
   Matter referred to Welfare Committee December 23, 1976.
3. Com. Methner letter of 12/23/76 to Chief Gain, suggesting Legal Dept. apprise police personnel of current animal ordinances and procedures for enforcement.
   Com. Hurley reports officer was wrong in interpretation of law; directive will go to district stations.

Chairman Siegel suggested formation of Committee for Appointment of Chairman for purpose of outlining responsibilities of Commission chairman.

Since their Dept. cannot undertake additional duties CAO suggested inclusion of provision in SFVMA agreement that sole responsibility of execution of spay/neuter program be with ACWC.

Rubber stamp for home tel. no. will be provided for convenience of P.R. Committee chairman.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. Com. Radetich will contact Mr. Boas to present history of SFVMA agreement.
2. Complaints on SPCA shelter and spay clinic reviewed.
3. Complaint received on "threat" aspects of PDACU warning card.
   Com. Hurley will consider any revision proposed by complainant.
4. Complaint received on suspected poisoning of pigeons in Union Square.
   Com. Schwabacher will check with Health Center #4 for pigeon death reports.
5. Suggested: (a) Standard, uniform signs painted at curb for Sec. 40 compliance.
   (b) CAO be approached for availability of pigeon trap locations to enable Commission to inspect for contract compliance.
6. According to Zoo Dir. Saul Kitchener: recent escape of jaguar was due to accidental tripping of several security devices. Cages subsequently made escape-proof.

Zoo practices investigated and approved by SPCA. Any employee guilty of nhumane treatment of animals is subject to discharge.
Re: S.F.Chronicle quote that certain inhumane handling methods are common rocedure--zoo keeper Mike Wahler contends such remark did not apply to present oo personnel and practices.

Several of the 10 recommendations made by Commission 1/3/75 have been ompleted: Communications system--intercom, public address and phones; added ecurity for abatement of vandalism; installation of feeding restriction signs.
Zoo Plan Report on expansion program available in Commission office.

NFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
. Introduced Officer Lou Sylvestri, newly appointed to ACU.
. Second arrest made for Bernal Heights violator of Sections 222 and 215.
. 280 animal complaints handled by ACU during December, 1976.

.R.COMMITTEE
cknowledged:
. Thanks for euthanasia material from PHS, Pet Pride of L.A., Pets-in-Need.
. Receipt of additional material on Maryland Euthanair from Animal Advocates of Dallas.
. Dan Kaljian letter of 1/3/77
SPCA letter advising incorporation of 12/8/76 recommendations into shelter training program.
. Publication of "Fun Furs" letter by S.F.Progress; "Abandonment of Easter Bunnies" letter-to-the-Editor by S.F.Examiner
. Gratitude to Mildred Rhodes, Ted Sorrich and Paul Toussaint for their supportive presentations to Finance Committee on SFVMA program.

LECTION OF OFFICERS
hairman--Com. Siegel; Vice-chairman--Com. Schindel

ICENSING CHANGES
esolutions passed: 60-day grace period before $4.00 late-license penalty
30-day grace period for licensing by new residents and new owners.

EDEMPTION FINES PROCEDURES
esolution passed: No change in policy of $25.00 fine for license violation pending response from City Attorney.

ISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES TO ABATE PSITTACOSIS
DPH's proposed immunization program for psittacine birds arriving S.F. et shops accepted. Resolution passed: Commission will write to Pet Shop ndustry attorney and forward comments to Dr. Dritz.

eeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

.B. Next Commission meeting Thursday, February 3, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 320, 101 Grove St
Agenda: Chairman's Report
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Thursday, February 3, 1977, Room 320, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
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ommission meeting of February 3, 1977. Minutes

eeting came to order 1:45 P.M.

resent: Chr. Schindel, Com. Methner, Schwabacher, Tonneson, Barron, Mahy, Radetich, Anson, Hurley

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bsent: Com. Siegel, Kolster

lso present: Officer Jerry Heffernan, S.F.P.D.

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nendment: P.R.COMMITTEE #2. Mass. Euthanair material not Maryland.

inutes approved as amended.

genda: Chairman's Report
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HAIRMAN'S REPORT

resented:

- ACWC 1/25/77 letter to Com. Mahy, Chr. Welfare Committee and Com. Anson, Chr. Enforcement Committee, requesting: review of Adoption Amendment Resolution tabled July, 1976, to determine if existing SPCA program is satisfactory or if further action is recommended; any changes in committee membership be submitted to Commission for consideration.

- ACWC 1/25/77 letter to Commissioners re. current Standing Committee membership and procedures.
  Com. Radetich changed to Enforcement Com.; Com. Anson to Welfare Com. Committees will meet, elect a chairman and draft rules and regulations.

- Mr. Boreman 1/14/77 letter to ACWC requesting desires of Commissioners Mahy, Radetich, Schindel and Methner on reappointment be submitted in time for Rules Committee hearing 2/17/77; 2/1/77 letter to individual Commissioners requesting resumes.

- CAO's SFVMA Spay/neuter Resolution approved by Fin. Com. 1/26/77 and passed by Board of Supervisors 1/31/77.

- Resolution providing for 60-day grace before $4.00 late-license penalty and 30-day grace for licensing by new owners and residents; ACWC 1/17/77 letter to City Attorney requesting proper form for Resolution; ACWC 1/25/77 letter to Wm. Reid, tax collector office, inviting comments for consideration before resolution is submitted to Board of Supervisors.

ELFARE COMMITTEE

Direction of SPCA adoption program found satisfactory. Too soon for ecision at this time. Resolution: Table.

R. COMMITTEE

knowledged:

Letter from Pet Pride, L.A., re. their endorsement of SFVMA spay/neuter plan to Board of Supervisors.
Working with a system analyst on possible procedure for spay/neuter referrals.

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FORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Introduced Officer Jerry Heffernan, latest appointment to ACU.
4058 animal complaints handled in 1976.
New citation form developed to facilitate P.D. and S.P.C.A. enforcement of animal ordinance violations approved by State, Judge of Dept. #16 and SPCA.
Simplified procedure for payment of fines, court date and bench warrants, contingent on PD approval and printing, could be in operation in 3 months.
ACU activity file available in Commission office.
Com. Methner reported continued lack of enforcement of animal ordinances in Noe Valley.

ITTACOSIS
DPH suggestions for abatement of psittacosis in San Francisco to be issued recommendation to pet shops handling psittacine birds. Resolution: Table.

ERCISE AREA
Signs posted at latest dog exercise area: Area immediately adjacent to D.Randall Field, Roosevelt and Museum Ways.

CA REPORT
Acknowledged discussion with Welfare Com. on SPCA complaints.
Introduced Education Director Ann Brice, formerly of PHS.
Announced tentative agreement with veterinarians providing that adopted animals may be checked at no charge by local veterinarians.
No evidence of Angel Island deer deaths since 10/15/76. Present population estimated at 150.

T LICENSE
Chr. Schindel suggested contacting City of Fremont for their cat license gislation and record of enforcement, compliance, court reaction, etc.

eting adjourned 3:30 P.M.

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Next Commission meeting Thursday, March 3, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 115-B, 101 Grove Street
Agenda: Chairman's Report
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Discussion of Cat license and Registration

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esent: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Schumacher, Tonneson, Schindel, Radetich, Hurley, Mahy, Huttinger, Anson, Methner.

sent: Com. Kolster

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enda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion of Cat License & Registration

nutes of February 3, 1977 read.

endment: SPCA REPORT #3--announced proposed agreement not tentative agreement

nutes approved as amended.

AIRMAN'S REPORT

troduced Jon Huttinger, newly appointed commissioner representing R&P Dept.
esented:

Announcement of Com. Tonneson's appointment to Bd. of Directors of St.Francis Animal Protection Society.

ACWC 2/22/77 letter to Richard Siggins, Pres. S.F. Police Commission, suggesting joint Commission meeting to discuss mutual problems regarding police participation in citations for animal ordinance violations.

Resolution for S.F.V.M.A. spay/neuter plan signed by Mayor 2/11/77. Commission will contact Assn. for list of volunteers and arrange for meeting to formalize procedure. Presently working on plan of execution of program.

Ted Sorich 2/3/77 letter requesting Commission obtain certain spay clinic statistics from SPCA.

Requests for Exercise Areas: Marina Green by Gay G. Gould 2/7/77; Douglas Park by R. and Virginia Vollrath 2/8/77.
Referred to Welfare Committee for investigation and evaluation.

Requests for Exercise Areas at Mt. Davidson and 20th & Vermont Sts. previously submitted to R&P Dept. referred to Welfare Committee for present status.

Request for Sec. 40 and 41.12(a) signs at Edinburg St. side of Excelsior Park referred to Sign Committee.

ACWC 3/2/77 letter to Planning Commission endorsing Emergency Hospital services of All Animal Emergency Hospital presently applying for permit for Ocean Ave. site.

Rules Committee 3/17/77 meeting cancelled. Reappointment of 4 commissioners may be calendared next meeting 3/17/77.

- Sec. 215 amended to include $4. late license penalty and stipulation of certain grace periods received from City Attorney. Resolution: have legislation reviewed by SPCA before submitting to Bd. of Supervisors.
- 3/1/77 ruling of City Attorney on obligation of ACO to cite for violation of Sec. 215 at redemption affirms peace officer power of discretion relating to arrests. Commission will pursue the matter with City Attorney.
- SPCA budget for 77-78 contract now with Controller. Copy should be forwarded to Commission by CAO. In depth review of SPCA operation suggested.

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Amendment to Commission minutes of 2/3/77: SPCA REPORT #3--announced proposed agreement not tentative agreement.

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FORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Com. Hurley elected chairman at 2/24/77 Committee meeting. Committee plans regular visits to SPCA for control operation statistics and attendance at Hall of Justice Dept. #16 hearings for disposition of animal violation citations.

Pursuing approval of new citation form currently opposed by P.D. Traffic Manager because of possible repercussions from required signature on violation narrative.

Read 2/25/77 report to Kevin Mullen re. need for a 2-man detail in carrying out duties of ACU.

R.COMMITTEE

Attended SFDOG meeting and answered questions on current Commission make-up and activities and progress of SFVMA program. Assistance in publicizing the new spay program through their news letter was offered.

Attempt to register cat so far unsuccessful. Application forwarded to SPCA by Tax Collector office.

eting adjourned 4:00 P.M.

3. Next Commission meeting Thursday, April 7, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 320, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA budget proposal
4. Discussion of cat license/registration
5. Discussion of P.D.A.C.U.--police cooperation
6. Discussion of increase in care fees Sec. 41.10(b)

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Thursday, April 7, 1977 Room 320, 101 Grove St 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA budget proposal
4. Discussion of cat license/registration
5. Discussion of P.D.A.C.U.--police cooperation
6. Discussion of increase in care fees Sec. 41.10(b)

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ommission meeting of April 7, 1977 Minutes

eeting came to order 1:35 P.M.

resent: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Methner, Tonneson, Mahy, Swabacher, Schindel, Hurley, Anson, Kolster

bsent: Commissioners Radetich, Huttinger

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1. Chairman's Report
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4. " " Cat License/Registration
5. " " P.D.A.C.U--Police Cooperation
6. " " Increase in fees--Sec. 41.10(b)

HAIRMAN'S REPORT

resented:

- ACWC 77-78 budget to be considered at Finance Committee meeting 4/20/77. Coms. Methner and Schindel will represent Commission.

- Mr. Boreman's 3/21/77 letter requesting Commission provide list of minimum requirements for maintenance of animals in private and commercial care in accordance with Sec. 41.2.
  Referred to Welfare Committee for procedure for establishing standards.
- Mr. Boreman's 3/23/77 letter inviting comments on proposed charter amendment requiring that commissions be reviewed every 4 years to determine whether they shall continue to exist.
  Commissioners' remarks on possible effect on Animal Commission should be submitted to office.

- ACWC 3/3/77 letter to SFVMA members requesting number of volunteered surgeries. When response is complete a Medical Society committee meeting will outline procedures and present to Commission for approval.

- ACWC 3/11/77 letter to San Francisco Veterinarians, advising of Sec. 41.5.1, Biting Dogs and 41.11(c), responsibility of reporting all animal bites to DPH.

- Ernest Carden March, 1977 complaint on lack of neighborhood cooperation in Sec. 40 and 41.12(a) compliance; SPCA's delayed response to his report of loose dogs habitually harassing pedestrians at 18th & Rhode Island crossing.
  Referred to Welfare Committee for recommendations on need for further investigation.

- Virginia Handley communication on 77 Pigeon Control Contract, urging consideration of reinstatement of Commission inspection rights and implimentation of Ornitrol program.
  Commissioners requested to review current contract at Commission office and submit recommendations.

- Four Commissioners whose terms expired 3/15/77 reappointed.

ELFARE COMMITTEE

Exercise Areas recommended: Marina Green--contingent on fencing; t. Davidson, subject to R&P Dept. survey; 20th & Vermont Sts--based on etitioners' offer to make initial clean-up.

Not recommended: Douglas Park--not suitable since presently being used s recreation area for the blind.

Com. Hurley will contact National Park Service for possible area at t. Mason.

.R.COMMITTEE

In answer to their requests Commission sent euthanasia material to animal gencies in Oakland, Santa Clara and Eugene, Oregon.

Julia Van Duyn will include Commission as referral number in her Bay Area ow-cost Spay/Neuter article to be published in California Living.

NFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

resented

y Com. Hurley: Jan. Feb. and March statistics--citations (1590), fines ($6435.) outstanding bench warrants ($15,125.)

2. March report of 450 calls relating to animal complaints, only 330 of which answered due to cut in Animal Control Unit force.
3. Attended Police Training School to apprise cadets of Animal Control ordinances, function of ACU and enforcement.

y Com. Methner: Breakdown of SPCA monthly report figures for Jan. & Feb.

ISCUSSION OF SPCA BUDGET PROPOSAL

Chr. Siegel requested that Commissioners study individually SPCA's pro-osed budget of $611,800. for 77-78 and bring suggestions to Commission.

ISCUSSION OF SEC. 215--CAT LICENSE/REGISTRATION

Sec. 215 as amended by SPCA read. Resolution: amend to include license fee xemption for dogs used as guides for the blind and voluntary cat registration: 5./5 years.

Mr. Avanzino's suggestion for 50% reduction in fee for licenses issued by PCA to senior citizens: No Action.

ISCUSSION OF P.D.A.C.U.--POLICE COOPERATION

Commissioners Siegel, Radetich and Schindel met with Mayor Moscone who will onsider the need for a 2-man P.D.A.C.U. and contact Com. Siggins re. joint ommission meeting.

Com. Siggins advised meeting date will be set upon response from other ommissioners.

ISCUSSION OF INCREASE IN FEES--SEC. 41.10(b)

Change in care fees will be considered at next meeting.

eeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

.B. Next Commission meeting Thursday, May 5, 1977, 1:30 P.M. Room 320

Agenda: Chairman's Report
Committee Reports
Discussion of SPCA 77-78 Budget
Discussion of increase in fees--Sec. 41.10 Care and Redemption and 218--Duplicate License
Presentation by Responsible Pet Ownership Educational Foundation

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Meeting of

SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel. No. 558-5775

Thursday, May 5, 1977 Room 320, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA 77-78 Budget
4. Discussion of increase in fees--Sec. 41.10 Care and Redemption and 218--Duplicate License
5. Presentation by Responsible Pet Ownership Educational Foundation

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Commission meeting of May 5, 1977.

Meeting came to order 1:35 P.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners, Mahy, Tonneson, Huttinger, Anson, Hurley, Radetich, Schindel, Schwabacher, Kolster

Absent: Commissioner Anson

Minutes of 4/7/77 amended: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #6: Carden letter referred to Enforcement Committee

Minutes approved as amended.

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA 77-78 Budget
4. " " increase in fees--Sec. 41.10 Care and Redemption & 218 Duplicate License
5. Presentation by Responsible Pet Ownership Educational Foundation

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. Sup. Kopp's 4/4/77 letter to R&P Dept. re. Patrick Guerin complaint of loose dogs in Sigmund Stern Grove and R&P Dept 4/14/77 reply requesting ACWC consider re-evaluation of dog problems at Stern Grove.
Referred to Enforcement Committee.

2. SPCA Pet-a-Care program: low-cost pet care for Senior Citizens on limited income.

3. Volunteer committment of surgeries to be performed by 10 clinics for SFVMA spay/neuter program.
P.R. notice to be issued after confirmation of printing of application forms.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. In response to complaint of Sec. 40 and 41.12(a) violations at 18th & Rhode Island Sts.: issued sidewalk stencil to Mr. Carden and personally contacted violators in area.

2. Police Commission minutes of last meeting included: all police officers would make every effort to give citations when animal ordinance violations were observed.

3. Presented warning sign on Sec. 40 and 41.12(a) violations designed for Judah Street Merchants for posting in store windows.

4. Judges' decision for general acceptance of new citation form will be made by late May.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. re. Sec. 41.1, minimum requirements for private and public maintenance of animals: certain specific standards developed for cats and dogs will be forwarded to Commission office.
Chr. Siegel suggested ad hoc committee, apart from Commission, as possible way to collect information.

Amendment to 4/7/77 Commission minutes: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #6--Carden letter should have been referred to Enforcement Committee.

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P.R. COMMITTEE

Presented:

1. "People Concerned for Animals" inquiry on lack of R & P Dept. response to Zoo complaint.
   Referred to Com. Huttinger.
2. (a) Proposed AB1501, outlawing CO and decompression chamber for euthanasia.
   (b) Sup. Kopp's letter advising resolution being submitted endorsing AB1501 if amended to specify as acceptable Sodium pentobarbital or derivative injection.
   (c) Motion for Commission approval of amended bill.
   Resolution: Commission will send letter endorsing in principal AB1501 so amended.
3. Pet Prevent-a-Care conducted low-cost immunization program in Golden Gate Park May 1, 1977.
4. Request from Save the Animals Fund, L.A., for euthanair material.

SPCA BUDGET 77-78

Mr. Avanzino distributed copies of SPCA proposal to Board of Supervisors showing revision of control services due to Mayor's $95,000. budget cut; requested Commission to recommend $95,000. supplemental appropriation to reinstate original 77-78 proposal of services.

Executive Session Monday, May 9, 1977, will consider SPCA's proposals.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Mr. Paige, director of newly-formed non-profit organization, presented proposed educational program designed to address the urban dog problems through root-cause--irresponsible owners, and requested endorsement by Animal Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Commission will consider and report at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 P.M.

1.B. Next Commission meeting Thursday, June 2, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of increase in fees for care, Sec. 41.1 and duplicate license, Sec. 218
4. Discussion of Responsible Pet Ownership Educational Foundation

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SPECIAL MEETING of

SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel. No. 558-5775

Monday, May 9, 1977 Room 320, 101 Grove St. 10 A.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda: 1. Review of SPCA FY77-78 Budget

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Special Meeting of May 9, 1977, Monday

Meeting came to order 10:00 A.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Methner, Anson, Mahy, Schwabacher, Hurley, Schindel, Radetich, Huttinger

Absent: Commissioners Tonneson, Kolster

Agenda: Review of SPCA FY77-78 Budget

Following discussion of SPCA budget resolution made and passed:

The Commission will not at this time recommend any change in the budget as reduced by the Mayor's office.

Following additional discussion on animal control services resolution was made and passed:

Animal Control & Welfare Commission recommends endorsing the recommendation made to Chief Gain by his staff that a separate department of animal control and welfare should be developed.

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Thursday, June 2, 1977, Room 300, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1 Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of increase in fees for care, Sec. 41.10 and duplicate licence, Sec. 218
4. Discussion of Responsible Pet Ownership Educational Foundation

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Commission meeting of June 2, 1977

Meeting came to order 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Anson, Schindel, Methner, Hurley, Mahy, Kolster, Radetich, Tonneson, Huttinger

Absent: Commissioner Schwabacher

Minutes of May 5, amended: PRESENT: Commissioner Methner

Minutes approved as amended.

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of increase in fees for care, Sec. 41.10 and Duplicate license, Sec. 218
4. Discussion of Responsible Pet Ownership Educational Foundation

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. Printer's proof for SFVMA spay/neuter application for commissioners' review.
2. ACWC 5/16/77 letter to Assemblyman Thurman supporting AB1501 as currently amended to outlaw decompression chamber.
3. SPCA 5/27/77 letter outlining procedures being initiated at shelter to control respiratory infections among impounded cats. Letter available in Commission office.
4. Florence Sarrett 5/12/77 letter to Supervisor Feinstein re. complaints against Commission; ACWC 5/27/77 reply to Sup. Feinstein in accordance with her request.
5. Resolutions passed at ACWC special meeting of 6/9/77 to consider SPCA FY77-78 budget:
   1. no recommendation for change in budget as approved by Mayor's office.
   2. Endorsement for development of separate department for animal control and welfare services as recommended to Chief Gain by his staff.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Officer Hurley reported that the Police Department committee formed by Chief Gain made the following recommendation:

A separate department of animal control and welfare under the supervision of the SFPD would be the best method of improving the animal control and welfare services in San Francisco.

Com. Hurley reported on the findings of this committee. Dr. Siegel read his letter to Chief Gain endorsing this committee's recommendation.

There was discussion on whether there was sufficient amount of public discussion on the 5/9/77 resolution to endorse the development of a separate animal control and welfare department under the supervision of the Police Department. Motion was made and resolution passed to have a special meeting on June 16, 1977, 1:15 P.M. to reconsider that endorsement.

P.R.COMMITTEE

1. Press release to San Francisco media will be issued when SFVMA program is finalized.
2. AB1501 outlawing decompression chamber still in Agriculture Committee.
3. SPCA enclosure in license renewals provides information on laws, spay clinic, etc.
4. Publicity for 6/16/77 special meeting will be submitted to media next week.

INCREASE IN FEE FOR CARE, SEC. 41.10 DISCUSSION

Resolution passed: increase care fees to $2. per day for dogs; $1.50 per day for cats.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

No further communication from RPO. No recommendation at this time. Tabled.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, July 7, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 300 101 Grove Street

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on Duplicate License fee, Sec. 218, Increase

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Thursday, June 16, 1977 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 1:15 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda: Reconsideration of resolution passed at special meeting of May 9, 1977

(Resolution: recommend that a separate department of animal control and welfare under the supervision of S.F. Police Dept. be developed.)

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Special Meeting of June 16, 1977.

Meeting came to order 1:35 P.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Mahy, Tonneson, Kolster, Radetich, Schindel, Hurley, Schwabacher, Methner.

Absent: Commissioner Huttinger.

Agenda: Reconsideration of resolution passed at special meeting of May 9, 1977.
(Resolution: Recommend that a separate department of animal control and welfare under the supervision of the S.F.P.D. be developed).

Chairman Siegel gave a summary of events that lead to the calling of this special meeting.

Over 20 individuals gave statements from the floor to the commissioners on their views regarding a separate animal control department under the supervision of the Police Dept. A great majority of the persons reporting were in favor of retaining the present system.

Police Chief Gain made a report to the Commission indicating that at the present time he was in favor of a separate animal control and welfare department mainly because of the efficiency and economy it would provide. However he also stated he did not have all the material necessary to finalize such a recommendation and suggested that the Commission delay their vote on the resolution for at least 2 months. He felt that at that time he would have the completed survey available and would be able to give a recommendation.

Mr. Avanzino, Executive vice-president of S.F.S.P.C.A., also spoke and gave his reasons for feeling that the SPCA should continue as the contractor for animal control and welfare.

Individual commissioners present made comments as to the pros and cons of recommending a separate animal control and welfare department under the supervision of the S.F.P.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schindel and seconded and passed that the Animal Control and Welfare Commission table reconsideration of this matter until the Police Dept. survey would be completed and the information made available.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 P.M.

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101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco, CA 94102
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Thursday, July 7, 1977 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on Duplicate License fee increase, Sec. 218.

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eting came to order 1:30 P.M.

esent: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Tonneson, Mahy, Schindel, Radetich, Huttinger, Methner

sent: Commissioners Kolster, Schwabacher, Hurley

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nutes of special meeting of June 16, 1977 approved as read.

enda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of Duplicate License Fee increase (Sec. 218)

AIRMAN'S REPORT

esented:

SFVMA spay/neuter application forms received. P.R. Committee will submit dia notice as soon as possible.

Council of the District of Columbia 6/20/77 request for information on n Francisco animal ordinances and their enforcement and animal control nter facilities and operation forwarded by Mayor's office for response.

ACWC 6/22/77 letter to City Attorney requesting proper form for Sec.41.10(b), crease in care fees, for submission to Board of Supervisors for committee aring.

ACWC 6/22/77 letter to Mr. Boreman requesting scheduling for committee aring on changes in Sec. 215--Late License penalty.

ACWC 6/22/77 letter to Mr. Boreman requesting rescheduling for committee aring to put Sec. 41.13 Penalties in proper order.

Chairman Siegel's request to Board of Supervisors for his replacement on mmission.

Assemblyman Antonovich 6/9/77 letter expressing thanks for support of his 1501 outlawing decompression chamber.

S.F.Zoo Director Saul Kitchener letter of 8/26/77 to Valiant Young inviting . Young to discuss zoo problems with him personally.

Letter available in Commission office.

Superintendent of Parks Aldo C. Cima letter of 4/14/77 to Sup. Kopp questing Animal Commission's re-evaluation of dog exercise area at Sigmund ern Grove.

Referred to Enforcement and Welfare Committees for surveys.

. Appointment of new commissioner being heard by Rules Committee today.

At Executive Session 7/7/77 members of the ACWC commended Com. Anson for s services to the Commission in the past; expressed regrets for his resig- tion and wished him well in all his future endeavors. Letter stating the shes of the commissioners will be sent to Mr. Anson.

FORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Methner presented:

Various letters expressing accord with Chief Gain's survey of animal ntrol problems.

7/3/77 S.F.Chronicle/Examiner California Living article authored by Ambrose ke and dealing with disposition of off-leash violations.

Due to concern over misinformation conveyed by quote attributed to Com-

nissioner of Muni Court Jerrold Levitin, Resolution passed: Commission will ask for correction from parties involved.

P.R.COMMITTEE
1. 80 press releases on special meeting of 6/16/77 issued to local news media, supervisors and selected neighborhood groups.
2. Presently in process of preparing SFVMA spay/neuter program press release.

DISCUSSION OF DUPLICATE LICENSE FEE INCREASE--SEC.218
Consensus of opinion was that cost to the City and County of S.F. for issuance of dog tags should be covered by license fees. Commission will obtain current figures from Tax Collector and present at next meeting.

EDUCATION IN HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.
Welfare Committee will discuss education for children in humane treatment of animals and draft letter to be directed to Supt. of Schools outlining their recommendations.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 P.M.

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Next Commission meeting Thursday, August 4, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
101 Grove Street, Room 320

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports

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101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel. No. 558-5775

Thursday, August 4, 1977 Room 320, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report

2. Committee Reports

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Commission meeting of August 4, 1977

Meeting came to order 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Mahy, Radetich, Schwabacher, Huttinger, Hurely, Methner, Schindel, Kolster

Absent: Commissioner Tonneson

Minutes of July 7, 1977 approved as read.

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. SFVMA spay/neuter program Press Release.

2. ACWC 7/11/77 letter to Police Commissioner Levitin re. California Living article on leash violations.

Com. Levitin has advised that the article was a misquote and he is aware of the current ordinance.

Since Com. Levitin indicated that owners of dogs being redeemed at shelter are under the impression that the payment of redemption fee is fulfillment of their obligation, Chr. Siegel asked that Mr. Avanzino have his staff remind owners that off-leash citations issued at redemption should be honored.

3. Supt. of Parks Aldo C. Cima letter of 8/2/77 indicating that department's reconsideration of proposed dog exercise area at Douglass Park and requesting Commission's approval of the area outside the fence at the southwest corner of the park which would not interfer with the section being used by the handicapped inside the fence.

Recommendation for approval of exercise area passed by majority vote.

Com. Schwabacher suggested that R&P Dept. be approached for a plan for maintenance of exercise areas since continued Sec. 40 violations create a health hazard subject to citation.

4. ACWC 7/11/77 letter to Philip Anson expressing appreciation for his service to the Commission.

5. Fund for Animals 7/15/77 letter re. sale of live turtles at various locations in San Francisco and request for information on possible laws in violation

Referred to DPH whose response indicated in view of the size and type of turtle involved no violation existed.

6. Ord. 301-77 outlawing use of steel-jawed leg-hold animal traps became effective 8/8/77.

7. Chief Gain's 7/21/77 letter to various city agencies requesting information and comments to be used in the animal control survey being conducted by Sgt. Ron Vernalli.

8. Municipal Court revised bail schedules adopted by Judges 7/1/77 and providing additional Penalty Assessments.

9. SPCA 6/13/77 letter to Chief Gain requesting radio frequency receiving service for transmission of emergency calls from 8 P.M. to 7 A.M. from P.D. communications to animal control officer in field; SPCA 7/29/77 letter to Chief Gain indicating intent to pursue alternate methods since PD unable to handle additional non-crime related night calls.

10. Approval of Sec. 41.13 Penalties and Sec. 215 Late License Penalty currently being considered by full Board of Supervisors.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Due to additional duties connected with animal control survey ACU able to respond to only 759 animal complaints for months May through July.
2. Room 101 now handling all animal citations and records of repeated offenses.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. Processing 20-item questionaire to be sent to 12 animal control organizations in California. Hope to have answers by next meeting.
2. May have report on humane education in schools by next meeting.
3. Still working on minimum requirements for maintenance of animals in private and public care.

DUPLICATE LICENSE FEE INCREASE SEC. 218

Since Tax Collector letter of 7/15/77 indicated cost to City for issuing duplicate licenses remains approximately 1.00 no increase in fee recommended at this time. Tabled.

SPCA FY77-78 BUDGET

Chr. Siegel read ACWC 6/21/77 letter to Board of Supervisors commenting on SPCA budget and requesting Board continue contract on monthly basis pending recommendation resulting from survey being conducted by P.D.

Mr. Avanzino brought to the attention of the Commission personnel problems that might arise from a month to month arrangement and requested consideration of recommendation to award contract for the balance of 77 fiscal.

Although in agreement with some of Mr. Avanzino's remarks the Commission did not want to interrupt the survey being conducted by Chief Gain. Motion made and passed 7 to 2: make no further recommendation to Board of Supervisors at this time.

Meeting adjourned 3:44 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, September 1, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports

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Thursday, September 1, 1977 Room 300, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
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SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
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Commission meeting of September 1, 1977

Meeting came to order I:30 P.M.

Present: Chr. Siegel, Commissioners Schwabacher, Kolster, Tonneson, Mahy, Schindel, Radetich, Methner, Huttinger

Absent: Commissioner Hurley

Amendment of minutes of August 4, 1977:
SPCA FY77-78 Budget--Motion: make no further recommendation to Board of Supervisors at this time; infavor of month to month extension of contract.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2.--remind owners that off-leash citations issued at redemption should be paid to the court.

Minutes approved as amended.

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Presented:
1. Board of Supervisor's approval of appointment of Commissioner Roger Burr, D.V.M.
2. Recommendation: Services provided in SPCA 77-78 contract be reviewed for later discussion.
3. Mike Wittel 8/29/77 letter re off-leash dogs at Ocean Beach. Referred to Enforcement Committee.
4. Sec. 41.10(b) Care Fees change received from City Attorney. Will be submitted to Clerk of the Board for Committee calendar.
5. Ord. 371-77 reinstating Sec. 40 Nuisance in Sec. 41.13 Penalties.
6. Ord. 363-77 amending Sec. 215 to provide for late license penalty.
7. Bail schedule amended by elimination of penalty assessments.
8. SPCA 8/11/77 reply to Sgt. Ron Vernali re S.F.P.D. inquiries on animal problem and services in S.F. Letter available in office.
9. Recommendation: on-going P.R. for SFVMA Spay/neuter program.
10. Recommendation: observance of Commission Rules and Regulations re correspondence issued under the name of the commission or any of its committees.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Com. Methner presented report on Finance Com. meeting awarding SPCA FY77-78 Contract and Rules Com. meeting for Commission appointments.

P.R.COMMITTEE
P.R. notices on SFVMA Spay/neuter program being sent to Pet shops this month. Newspaper ads and public announcements will be investigated.

SPCA REPORT
Invitation from Mr. Avanzino to Commissioners to accompany animal control officers in their patrol duties and inspect shelter facility

Motion passed: Commission will meet with Mr. Avanzino to discuss services provided by 77-78 budget. Chr. Schindel will establish date.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

N.B. Next Commission meeting Thursday, October 6, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

Room 400, 101 Grove Street

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports

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Thursday, October 6, 1977 Room 400, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report

2. Committee Reports

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101 Grove St. Room 115-B, San Francisco, CA 94102, Tel.No. 558-5775

Commission meeting of October 6, 1977.

Meeting came to order 1:40 P.M.

Present: Chr. Schindel, Commissioners Sarrett, Mahy, Tonneson, Radetich, Burr, Methner, Huttinger, Schwabacher, Hurley, Kolster.

Minutes of September 1, 1977 approved as read.

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Presented:

1. Newly appointed Commissioners Florence Sarrett and Dr. Roger Burr, assigned to Welfare and Enforcement Committee, respectively.
2. ACWC 9/21/77 letter to Mr. Boreman, requesting committee calendar for proposed change in Sec. 41.10(b)--increase in care fees.
3. R&P Dept. 9/28/77 letter to ACWC announcing signs posted at exercise area: SW section of Douglass Park--end of 27th St. between fence and Diamond Hgts. Blvd.
4. ACWC 9/22/77 letter to R&P Dept.: enforcement of Sec. 40 in exercise areas.
   Resolution: Commission will request that exercise area signs include notice of owners' responsibility to Sec. 40 compliance.
5. William Vallandingham 9/11/77 letter to ACWC: need for prohibition of keeping wild animals in S.F.
   DPH preparing appropriate legislation for approval by Board of Supervisors.
6. re Mike Wittels 8/29/77 letter concerning dog problems at Ocean Beach: Commission will contact National Park Service and S.F.P.D. for determination on enforcement of S.F. animal ordinances in areas under N.P. jurisdiction.
7. re SPCA/ACWC meeting: Mr. Avanzino will submit specific budget figures applying to specific services provided in 77-78 contract.
8. Paul Toussaint 9/28/77 request for inclusion of Barking Dog ordinance on agenda.
   Mr. Toussaint not present; discussion deferred to next meeting.
9. ACWC 10/3/77 letter to Board of Supervisors outlining Commission's 4-7-77 recommendations against SPCA's proposal providing for ½-price adoption and license fees for senior citizens.
   Resolution: Commission still not in favor of SPCA's proposal.
10. City Attorney 8/3/77 letter to ACWC re never citing for license violation on redemption at shelter: ACO does not have power to never cite for Municipal ordinance violations. Discretion vested in ACO is to be exercised on case-by-case basis.
11. ACWC 10/3/77 annual report.
    Request made: letter to Mayor and Board of Supervisors rescinding statement re Commission recommendation that animal control be put under separate city agency.

ELECTION OF OFFICER
Commissioner Methner elected vice-chairman.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Com. Methner reported on Letters to the Editor re SPCA's animal control activities.

P.R.COMMITTEE
Prices for advertising SFVMA spay/neuter program in daily press available.

PARK CODES 47 and 48 ENFORCEMENT
Complaint alleging lack of enforcement of Park Codes prohibiting Feeding and Disturbing of Animals will be taken up with R&P Dept.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 P.M.

N.B.
Next meeting Thursday, November 3, 1977 1:30 P.M. Room 220, 101 Grove St.
Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on Sec. 41.12(d)(e) Barking Dog ordinance
4. Discussion on Zoo complaints

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Commission meeting of November 3, 1977.

Meeting came to order 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chr. Schindel, Commissioners Tonneson, Mahy, Burr, Schwabacher, Radetich, Sarrett, Huttinger, Hurley, Methner

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Absent: Com. Kolster

Minutes of October 6, 1977 approved as read.

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on Sec. 41.12(d)(e) Barking Dog Ordinance
4. Discussion on Zoo complaints

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. DPH proposed legislation prohibiting keeping of wild animals in S.F. Individual points of view may be expressed when heard by H&E Committee.
2. ACWC 10/31/77 reply to Gloria M. Victor advising of DPH proposed wild animal legislation and Welfare Committee's consideration of minimum requirements for maintaining animals in S.F.
3. ACWC 10/31/77 reply to Doris Ceccotti re loose dog problems in S.F.
4. ACWC 10/31/77 reply to James H. Donaldson III re loose dog problems at Marina Green.
5. ACWC 10/31/77 letter to Mayor Moscone and Sup. Kopp re rescinding statement on Commission recommendation in 10/3/77 letter.
6. ACWC 10/28/77 letter to R&P Dept. re clean-up of exercise areas and installation of signs advising owners to observe Sec. 40.
   Com. Huttinger presented sample of signs to be posted advising owners of their responsibility and indicated R&P Dept. does not clean exercise areas.
   Com. Methner's suggestion that Commission ask for CETA employee to cover clean-up of these areas will be taken up with R&P Dept.
7. 10/13/77 R&P Dept. request that consideration of exercise area at Alta-Plaza Park be put on agenda.
8. ACWC 10/31/77 letter to Golden Gate Nat'l. Rec. re animal laws prevailing in S.F. areas under their jurisdiction; who enforces and under what circumstances do S.F. agencies enforce.
9. Paul Toussaint 10/11/77 letter re Commission's reaction to SPCA's proposal for senior citizen ½-price license and adoption fees.
10. Com. Burr's report on panleukopenia vaccination procedure for cats arriving SPCA shelter.
11. ACWC 10/28/77 letter to R&P Dept. re posting of signs for Sec. 47--prohibiting feeding of animals and enforcement of Sec. 47 and 48--prohibiting molesting of animals.
12. SPCA 10/25/77 letter to CAO re discontinuance of cat sales from 10-25-77 to 11-8-77 due to outbreak of feline respiratory infection.
13. License notices indicating incorrect fee of $5./$2.50 and being distributed by SPCA license canvasers brought to attention of Mr. Avanzino.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. ACU complaints received in September--484; October--517.
2. CBS documentary on health problems due to contamination by dog feces viewed by representative from Commission, P.D. and D.P.H.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

Members felt request for rescinding statement in ACWC 10/3/77 letter to Mayor Moscone and Sup. Kopp not satisfactorily met and requested clarification of $900,000. in paragraph 1 page 2.

P.R. COMMITTEE

1. Press release issued to media advising dog owners to clean up after their pets in exercise areas or risk losing facilities.
2. Requested Commission investigate the legality of a San Francisco animal brochure produced through a pet food company for distribution through license enclosures, pet shops, etc.

DISCUSSION ON SEC. 41.12(d)(e) BARKING DOG ORDINANCE

Com. Hurley explained the "warning" card procedure for reported violations of Sec. 41.12(d) and citation procedure of Sec. 41.12(e) through a 2-signature affadavit.

DISCUSSION OF ZOO COMPLAINTS

Since time did not permit adequate hearing matter continued.

SPCA

Cat traps now available to senior citizens for $12.

In accordance with request Motion made and passed: Discussion of SPCA budget/services for FY77-78 will be on Dec. 1, 1977 agenda.

Mr. Avanzino questioned SPCA's not having a seat on Commission. Matter will be considered upon written request.

Meeting adjourned 3:40 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting Thursday, December 1, 1977, 1:30 P.M.
Room 400, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA budget/service for FY77-78
4. Discussion of Sigmund Stern and Pine Mountain Lake Exercise Areas requests
5. Discussion of Alta-Plaza Park Exercise area request.

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Thursday, December 1, 1977 Room 400, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA budget/service for FY77-78
4. Discussion of Sigmund Stern and Pine Mountain Lake Exercise Area request
5. Discussion of Exercise Area at Alta-Plaza Park request.

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Thursday, November 3, 1977 Room 220, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on Barking Dog Ordinance Sec. 41.12(d)(e) H.C.
4. Discussion on Zoo complaints

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eeting came to order 1:30 P.M.

resent: Chr. Schindel, Commissioners Mahy, Tonneson, Sarrett, Burr, Radetich, Schwabacher, Huttinger, Kolster, Hurley

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bsent: Commissioner Methner

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genda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of SPCA budget/service for FY77-78
4. Discussion of Sigmund Stern and Pine Mountain Lake exercise area requests
5. Discussion of Alta-Plaza Park exercise area request

HAIRMAN'S REPORT

resented:

Golden Gate Nat'l. Rec. Area 11-23-77 letter to ACWC indicating no policy n animal laws; suggesting consultation with Commission prior to their open eeting with concerned citizens.

R&P Dept. 11-7-77 letter to ACWC re Park Code Sec. 47 and 48: Enforcement r Mounted Police Patrol and Park Patrolmen; no signs posted since prohibi-.on of molesting wildlife is common knowledge. Regularly scheduled feeding f birds and squirrels done by gardening personnel. Occassional feeding by ublic found inevitable and harmless; monitored by Park Police and gardening ersonnel.

R&P Dept. 11-10-77 letter to ACWC: park personnel does not have citation owers. Signs are posted in exercise areas advising of owners' responsibil-ies. Gardeners hose dog feces from sidewalks only.

ACWC 11-15-77 letter to R&P Dept. re possibility of Ceta workers assigned clean up exercise areas.

ACWC 11-29-77 letter to DPW re possibility of Ceta workers assigned to emoving dog feces from sidewalks to curb.

SPCA 11-22-77 letter to ACWC advising of current fee attachment to license otices distributed by canvassers.

P.R. Committee 11-26-77 letter to Ralston-Purina Co. re possibility of at Company's sponsoring a brochure for ACWC.

re Welfare Committee's request for clarification of $900,000. in ACWC -3-77 letter to Mayor Moscone and Sup. Kopp: this figure representing timated total cost of animal control for S.F. was discussed during executive ssion in early 1977.

FORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1st draft of P.D. animal control report may be submitted to Chief Gain by d of year. Any statement to Commission will come from Chief Gain.

Enforcement Committee met 11-15-77 and discussed complaints on animal ntrol.

Transcript of CBS tape on animal problems available.

R.COMMITTEE

Further action on publication of animal brochure pending Ralston-Purina Co. sponse.

Signatures for State initiative to abolish decompression chamber being rculated. Requested ACWC's support of this principle.

. Press release on owners' responsibilities in exercise areas to be resub-
.tted to press.
. Notice in newspaper pet column advising of SFVMA low-cost spay/neuter
rogram will be set up for early 1978 publication.

ISCUSSION ON SPCA BUDGET/SERVICE FOR FY 77-78

Mr. Avanzino presented details of costs for services provided in 77-78
idget; outlined certain additional expenses anticipated in next year's budget;
esponded to questions on Control--"taking care of City animals"; Patrol--
ruising looking for off-leash dogs and citing".

ISCUSSION OF SIGMUND STERN AND PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE EXERCISE AREAS REQUESTS

Com. Sarrett reported exercise area on Wawona between 21st and 23rd Aves.
pprox. 100x400) not adequate; pet owners prefer parts of Sigmund Stern Grove
. lake and trail section; recommended lower grove be designated exercise area
th requirement that owners clean up after their pets.

Com. Sarrett reported space provided at Pine Mountain Lake (approx. 50x150)
o small; recommended adjacent uncultivated area be designated as exercise area.

Chr. Schindel suggested no action on exercise areas until evidence of
ners' compliance with Sec. 40. Tabled.

SCUSSION OF ALTA-PLAZA PARK EXERCISE AREA REQUEST

Com. Kolster reported proponents of Alta-Plaza Park are willing to furnish,
intain/and finance disposal of contents of appropriate recepticle if exercise
ea privilege is granted; request meeting with R&P Dept. to discuss their pro-
sal.

solution passed: ACWC will advise R&P Dept. of Ellen Buchanan's request to
et with that Department to present A-P Park proposal.

O COMPLAINT DISCUSSION

Complainant requested Zoo discussion be on January agenda.

solution passed: January 5, 1978 Commission agenda will provide for discussion
trapping of birds at S.F.Zoo.

eting adjourned 4:00 P.M.

B. Next Commission meeting January 5, 1978, 1:30 P.M.,Room 400, 101 Grove St.
Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Election of Commission officers
4. Discussion of Zoo Complaint--Trapping of Birds

ECIAL SESSION January 5, 1978, 1:00 P.M., Room 400, 101 Grove St.
Agenda: Discussion by Commissioner Jerry Levitin:
Court procedure for animal violations.

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Thursday, January 5, 1978 Room 400, 101 Grove St 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Election of Commission officers
4. Discussion of Zoo Complaint--Trapping of Birds

SPECIAL SESSION

Thursday, January 5, 1978 Room 400, 101 Grove St 1:00 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda: Discussion by Commissioner Jerry Levitin, Commissioner Municipal Court: Court procedure for animal violations.

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Special Session of Animal Control and Welfare Commission January 5, 1978, came to order 1:10 P.M.

Present: Animal Control & Welfare Commission

Agenda: Discussion by Commissioner Jerry Levitin: Court Procedure for Animal Violations.

Commissioner Levitin, presiding judge of Municipal Court, has found that in the past 6 months some violators are cited for 3rd and 4th time and present ordinances not only lack fines but being infractions make no provision for citing violator into court. Misdemeanors require court appearance.

In order to allow more flexibility in bails and require violator to appear in court the Police Department is about to request legislation amending Sec 41.13 of H.C. to include provision for fines of from $1. to $50. on 1st offense and change from infraction to misdemeanor on 3rd offense.

Re Sec. 215 violations: the Court has never had a policy of automatic dismissal of license violations solely on proof of compliance by presentation of license purchased at Shelter at time of redemption.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 P.M.

N.B.

Next Commission meeting February 2, 1978, 1:30 P.M.
Room 400, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion on new ACWC brochure

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eeting came to order 2:00 P.M.

resent: Chr. Schindel, Commissioners Mahy, Tonneson, Sarrett, Burr, Hurley, Radetich, Huttinger, Kolster..

bsent: Com. Schwabacher

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HAIRMAN'S REPORT

resented:

R&P Dept. 12/8/77 letter to ACWC advising that budget cut-backs neces-
tate using Ceta workers for horticultural and other maintenance duties.

Bebe Herzog 12/13/77 letter to R&P Dept. re understanding that dog ex-
rcise areas will be closed.

R&P Dept. 12/27/77 to Herzog advising that that department has no in-
ention of closing exercise areas if owners cooperate in maintenance.

R&P Dept. 12/13/77 to ACWC: in accordance with departmental policy re-
uiring users to leave park clean of excess debris community responsibility
policing exercise areas is encouraged. Requested Commission inform
ublic that exercise areas will not be closed if owners cooperate.

ACWC 12/13/77 to R&P Dept. requesting that that department meet with
ta-Plaza Park representative to hear their proposal in exchange for ex-
rcise area privilege.

Com. Huttinger advised meeting held today; R&P Dept. will post signs
Alta-Plaza Park: Clay St., 2nd Terrace; install 2 recepticles and ar-
nge for disposition of contents in consideration of agreement that dog
mers supply and maintain plastic liner and pick up dog feces.

ACWC 12/12/77 to R&P Dept,: Pine Lake exercise area request tabled until
mers show cooperation in other areas.

Com. Sarrett asked for reconsideration of Pine Lake request in view of
omises of Alta-Plaza group and cooperation shown at 39th & Fulton.

Com. Huttinger suggested: budget restrictions might preclude expense
r container and collection; defer matter until owners show compliance.

Due to interest and activity of Citizens for a Cleaner San Francisco
tion made: contact that Committee for opinion on possibility of their
pplying and maintaining plastic-lined recepticles in exercise areas.
solution passed. Com. Huttinger dissenting.

SFPD 12/1/77 to ACWC advising that although Federal Government and the
ty of S.F. have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce on Ocean Beach GGNRA's
licy is to have no animal control enforcement until public has an oppor-
nity to express views on how this area will be used by animals.

ACWC 1/4/78 to Mike Wittels advising of GGNRA's decision to have no
imal enforcement until recommendations for park land use by animals are
ard at public meetings.

9. Stanley Kane 11/15/77 to Mayor Moscone re Sec. 40 violations at his pharmacy entrance.
10. Mayor Moscone 12/14/77 to Kane referring matter to ACWC.
11. ACWC 1/4/78 to Kane advising that Animal Control Officer should be contacted for enforcement of Sec. 40 and 41.12(a). cc to SPCA
12. ACWC 12/12/77 to Mrs. Victor Palmer advising compliance with her request for warning notices to violators of Sec. 40 and 41.12(a) in 18th & Castro area and explaning current warning and enforcement procedures.
13. ACWC 12/20/77 to Citizens to Abolish Decompression Chamber, supporting initiative being circulated to outlaw this form of euthanasia in Calif.
14. DPH proposed Wild animal legislation passed to new Board of Supervisors with Committee recommendations for amendment.
15. Chairman's request that Welfare Committee report on Ron Brown allegations re feeding and keeping of birds and animals at S.F. Zoo.
16. ACWC budget submitted with 6% increase for FY78-79.

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
1. Animal Control Officer asked to participate in new Anti-Litter Program through accellerated enforcement along Mission St and 24th & Castro area. SPCA will patrol and attempt citations especially for Sec. 40 violations.
2. Sgt. Vernali report reviewed by Dep. Chief Taylor and passed to Chief Gain. Comments will come from Chief Gain.

P.R.COMMITTEE
Ralston-Purina Co. offers 500-1000 copies of their general brochure but unable to sponser anything more detailed.
Request Commission investigate cost of 1-sheet brochure showing ordinances, services and general information to be mailed with licenses and distributed to local veterinarians and pet industry.

SPCA REPORT
1. Pilot project in Haight-Ashbury Dist: Animal Control Officers' distribution of cards urging compliance with Leash, Nuisance and License ordinances.
2. 1977 placement figures for adoptable cats--77%; dogs--65%. 1978 goal: 100% adoptions.

Resolution passed: Commission will send letter of commendation to SPCA for their 1977 animal adoption record.

ZOO COMPLAINT DISCUSSION--TRAPPING OF BIRDS
Complainant presented allegations that R&P Dept., Gen. Mgr. of Zoo and employees are responsible for killing, trapping, confining in cardboard boxes, banding and releasing of birds at S.F. Zoo.

Zoo Dir. Saul Kitchener invites public and/or commissioners to discuss any complaints with him personally.

Resolution: The Welfare Committee will go to Zoo to investigate allegations and report findings at February Commission meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Officers elected for 1978: Chairman--Henry Schindel; Vice-chairman--Anna Tonneson.

Meeting adjourned 3:35 P.M.

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Thursday, February 2, 1978 Room 400, 101 Grove St. 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of new Animal Control & Welfare Commission Brochure

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Commission meeting of February 2, 1978

Meeting came to order 1:45 p.m.

Present: Chairman Schindel, Commissioners Mahy, Tonneson, Hurley, Sarrett, Levin, Radetich

Absent: Commissioners Huttinger, Burr, Schwabacher, Kolster

Minutes of January 5, 1978 approved as read.

Agenda: 1. Chairman's Report
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented:

1. Joan Levin, newly appointed Commissioner assigned to Enforcement Committee.
2. ACWC 1/23/78 letter to Fred Methner re his recent resignation and acknowlegement of Mr. Methner's contributions to Commission during his tenure.
3. DPH 1/10/78 to ACWC advising that that department's expansion program necessitates re-acquiring the area now occupied by the Commission.
4. ACWC 1/23/78 to SFSPCA commending Mr. Avanzino on the improvements at the Animal Control Center.
5. Citizens to Abolish the Decompression Chamber 1/13/78 to ACWC expressing gratitude for Commission resolution supporting initiative to outlaw the decompression chamber.

re Alta-Plaza Exercise Area:

5. Ellen Buchanan 1/5/78 to R&P Dept expressing gratitude for cooperation and assistance at their joint meeting and requesting information on size and type of plastic liner required and cost of garbage pick-up.
. R&P Dept. 1/11/78 to Ellen Buchanan specifying 29x12" plastic liners and recommending that that department assume responsibility for disposal due to complex accounting procedures.
. R&P Dept 1/11/78 to ACWC announcing designation of Alta-Plaza exercise area effective 2/1/78: 2nd tier level near Clay St between Scott & Steiner in accordance with agreement with Alta-Plaza dog owners.

. ACWC 1/23/78 to R&P Dept. enclosing Commission Oct/Nov. 1977 press release apprising dog owners of necessity of their compliance with obligations if they wish to retain exercise area privileges.
0. NYPH Court Digest re suit against Housing Authority for injuries sustained as result of at-large dog.
1. ACWC 1/30/78 to City Attorney requesting ruling on possibility of S.F's liability as result of comparable injury.
2. GGNRA Committee meeting held at Ft. Mason on Jan. 28, 1978 to be followed by open meeting in 2 weeks in order to get public recommendations on use of Park Lands by animals.
3. re proposed ordinance introduced by Sup. Feinstein to amend Sec. 41.13 to provide that violation of 41.12(d) Barking dog shall be misdemeanor: Clerk of Bd. 1/26/78 to ACWC requesting Commission comments and recommendations be submitted prior to H&E Committee 2/28/78 meeting; also comments on suggested penalties for violation of 41.12(d) providing that 1st and 2nd offenses be infraction with fines imposed and 3rd offense considered misdemeanor.

Chr. Schindel suggested deferring discussion to Special Meeting to be

scheduled after receipt of P.D. and Court statistics on barking dog violations and consideration of Com. Levitin's recommendations at that meeting.

Com. Levin distributed her proposed program providing for enforcement by Humane Officer in lieu of P.D.; stress on conferences with owners rather than citations; Humane Officer's power to waive 1st offense pending owner compliance with officer's recommendations which might include: during owner's absence he provide dog with cooked bones, play toys, low-level music, dog door and/or dog house, companion dog. Recommended retention of infraction with fines not to exceed 1st offense--$25., 2nd--$50., 3rd--$100.

Com. Sarrett introduced motion for no change in infraction and revision of whole package. Resolution passed 4 to 2: violation of 41.12(d) remain infraction pending modifications to be taken up later.

14. ACWC 2/1/78 to San Franciscans for Cleaner City re possibility of their assisting with plastic liner/container detail for exercise areas.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

Findings of a committee of Commissioners Mahy, Tonneson and Burr, accompanied by Mr. Toussaint and Mr. Schroeder, after tour of Zoo included: design of Cockatoo feeder did not provide for suspended ring from which birds could feed; size of patio in hippo area precluded sufficient space for hippo to be out of water; "no feeding" recording out of operation for several weeks; objection to idea and design of mural still under construction; cages, etc., not adequately clean; night watchman being replaced by 2 untrained Ceta workers; no labels on animals; panther being held in small area for 3 weeks. Committee chairman Mahy suggested that if Mr. McMorris were present at next meeting specific questions could be answered.

In response to public suggestion Commissioner Mahy asked for motion for joint R&P and ACW Commissions to discuss the Brookfield Plan. Com. Tonneson recommended meeting be held in one month. Resolution passed: Commission will try for joint meeting in April.

P.R. COMMITTEE

ACWC Letter-to-Editor on SFVMA spay/neuter program appeared in January S.F. Examiner.

SPCA REPORT

1. Blue warning cards on Sec. 215, 40 & 41.12(a) printed at request of Haight-Ashbury Assn. and being distributed in that area by P.D. and San Franciscans for a Cleaner City.
2. Bio-degradable bag with built-in scoop about to be marketed by East Coast concern and for nominal cost as aid to owner compliance with nuisance laws.
3. Submitted copy of SPCA FY78-79 budget for distribution to Commissioners and request made that March agenda provide for discussion of this item.

DISCUSSION OF ACWC BROCHURE

Suggestions for brochure: Com. Hurley--inclusion of license, leash, nuisance, biting and barking laws; exercise areas; ACO(SPCA), ACWC and ACUPD; elimination of injured animal information since SPCA is always called. Com. Tonneson--elimination of some Commission information; inclusion of spay/neuter programs and services of ACO.

Com. Tonneson will develop a sample brochure for Commission consideration.

Com. Tonneson requested that March or April agenda include discussion on proposal to prohibit transportation of animals in open trucks in S.F.

Complainant James Schroeder reported: (1) R&P Dept. considering amendment to Park Code Sec. 48 to include destruction of rabbits; (2) "Truth Squad" from Canada coming to S.F. to present non-factual material in defense of humane aspects of clubbing of seals. Requested Commission register objection with Canadian Consul on grounds that presentation is not only repulsive but not based on facts.

Chr. Schindel agreed to contact Canadian Consul and R&P Dept. re Mr. Schroeder's allegations.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.

I.B. Next Commission meeting March 2, 1978, 1:30 p.m., Room 400, 101 Grove.

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
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mmission meeting of Thursday, March 2, 1978

eting came to order 1:40 p.m.

esent: Chr. Tonneson, Commissioners Mahy, Huttinger, Garrett, Levin, Molster

sent: Commissioners Burr, Hurley, Schwabacher

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AIRMAN'S REPORT

esented:
ACWC 2/14/78 to Henry Schindel re his resignation of 2/4/78 and commendation for service to Commission.
Announcement of resignation of Commissioner Charles Radetich.
Commission will send letter of recognition.
Gilbert Boreman to ACWC re 3/16/78 Rules Committee consideration of applications for vacancy created by Com. Schindel.
Gilbert Boreman 2/6/78 to ACWC re Rules Committee 3/16/78 consideration 4 vacancies created by expiring appointments and requesting Commission recommendations.
ACWC 2/17/78 to Gilbert Boreman advising applications forwarded to commissioners for their individual attention.
Chairman's 2/14/78 to all commissioners advising of Com. Henry Schindel's signation and outlining anticipated business.
ACWC 2/14/78 to Mayor Moscone, Supervisors Feinstein and Kopp, CAO and al Estate Dept. soliciting aid in finding new quarters for ACWC.
Gilbert Boreman 1/31/78 to ACWC re allegations made at 1/19/78 Rules Com. ht Commission has met in apparent violation of the Brown Act and requesting ord of Supervisors be provided with dates and circumstances involved.
ACWC 2/14/78 to G. Boreman advising that no violation seemed to exist ice no actions were taken and the "executive sessions" were merely open nitations from the chairman for members to arrive early before the regular eting to review commission correspondence, etc.
ACWC 2/14/78 to Mr. McMorris requesting his presence at next commission eting to apprise commissioners of particulars pertaining to:allegations of legal trapping of wild birds; status of Brookfield Plan and Master Plan for xansion of Zoo; complaints reported by Commission committee.
Director of Zoo Saul Kitchener 2/23/78 to ACWC advising: no illegal trapping being carried on; R&P Commission has responsibility for all operations at o; requested Mr. McMorris to contact Commission re charges. Mr. Kitchener ed that future questions and notice of commission visits be directed to him.
Following public's request that Commission persue matter with Federal and te agencies, Com. Garrett introduced motion and resolution was passed: hairman be given discretion to write letter when letter of documentation was eeived from Mr. Schroeder.
ACWC 2/27/78 to Sonne Griffin acknowledging receipt of brochures, etc., n Zoo.
ACWC 2/27/78 to Canadian Consul General advising of resolution passed nimously condemning the brutality of the Canadian sealers and questioning acity of the "Truth Squad".

4. GGNRA will advise ACWC on date of open meeting for public's recommendations on how Ocean Beach, etc., will be used by animals.
5. DPW 2/8/78 to ACWC questioning advisability of setting precedent by using Ceta personnel to clean sidewalks since existing law already provides for such responsibility and expressing hope that efforts of San Franciscans for Cleaner City will ameliorate the problem.
6. Ordinance 81-78 providing for prohibiting keeping and sale of wild animals in S.F. signed by Mayor 2-10-78.
7. ACWC 2/14/78 to Paul Toussaint acknowledging his gift of Commission membership in Committee for Humane Legislation.
8. Animal Humane Assoc. of New Mexico 2/13/78 to ACWC requesting details of SFMA spay/neuter program.
9. ACWC 2/27/78 to Animal Humane Assn. expressing hope that requested information would be of assistance in that Assn.'s efforts to start a similar program in Albuquerque.
10. Gilbert Boreman 1/31/78 to ACWC announcing future H&E Com. meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on 4th Tuesdays.
11. Sup. Milk 2/23/78 to ACWC requesting Commission representative attend 2/17/78 meeting to participate in discussion on proposed improvements for animal services.
Chr. Tonneson invited interested commissioners since she would not be able to attend.
12. ACWC 2/14/78 to R&P Dept. requesting information on allegation that that Dept. was discussing amending Sec. 48 of Park Code to include destruction of rabbits.
13. R&P Dept. 2/28/78 to ACWC advising that due to proliferation of domestic rabbits in Strybing Arboretum extensive property damage has been sustained and various methods to apprehend the animals have failed. Requested commission ideas on possible solution before having to invoke that part of Sec. 48 which already provides for destruction under certain circumstances.
Commission will advise R&P Dept. that State Humane Officer Paul Toussaint will look into the matter and report to Commission at next meeting.
14. ACWC 2/14/78 to G. Boreman: resolution passed recommending that Sec.41.13 penalty for barking dog remain an infraction; matter of fines to be taken up later upon receipt of statistics from P.D.
15. ACWC 2/14/78 memo to Com. Mark Hurley requesting certain barking dog statistics be submitted to Commission for discussion at 4/6/78 meeting.
16. H&E Com. 2/28/78 hearing on Sec. 41.13 amendment continued.
Com. Levin requested letter to Bd. of Sup. requesting notice to Commission if committee items are cancelled and/or Board considering changes in animal ordinances.
17. Jim Burns 2/21/78 to ACWC expressing concern over commission's consideration of lowering fines for barking dogs; recommending fines and enforcement be increased; suggesting encouraging owner violations by low fines and enforcement is unresponsive to rights of others.
18. ACWC 3/6/78 to Jim Burns advising Commission not advocating reduction of fines for violation of barking dog ord; enforcement within jurisdiction of PD.; Commission is advisory body to Bd. of Sup. and has no power to enact any legislation.
19. ACWC 3/1/78 to Letter-to-the-Editor <u>Examiner</u> advising that former Commissioner Fred Methner does not speak for Commission and his allegations are false since Commission does not advocate reduction of fines for barking dog violations.
20. Received 2/16/78 from Committee for Humane Legislation, Inc. notice of petition being circulated by Californians Against the Steel Jawed Trap for initiative to ban leg-hold traps, with appeal for support.
Chr. Tonneson's suggestion to write supporting

their efforts approved--Com. Mahy dissenting.

P.R. COMMITTEE

Since Chr. Tonneson will no longer have sufficient time to devote to developing brochure, Com. Sarrett accepted this assignment.

ELECTION OF OFFICER

Com. Mahy unanimously elected Vice-chairman

SPCA BUDGET FY78-79

Mr. Avanzino explained costs/services provided in $671,300. FY78-79 budget: $349,800.--Shelter operation (feeding, caring for strays and other impounds, euthanasia, adoption program, etc.); $270,300.--Control Officer field operations (pick up of strays, injured & sick animals and issuing citations); $51,200.--Licensing (door-to-door canvassing and follow-up).

Upon request for motion for approval Com. Huttinger pointed out that quorum no longer existed. Chr. Tonneson ruled that quorum established at beginning of meeting prevailed. Com. Sarrett's motion that Commission go on record as approving the budget passed 5-0. Resolution: Commend Mr. Avanzino on budget and Commission go on record as approving budget for FY78-79.

PITBULL BAITING COMPLAINT

Gael Murphy presented complaint of Pitbull baiting in Mission District and concern that although SPCA and P.D. had responded to calls no action had been taken.

Mr. Avanzino advised that so far insufficient evidence has precluded citation.

Chr. Tonneson suggested: advising Police Chief Gain of the Commission's concern with possible dog baiting in that area and suggesting Officer Hurley be assigned to this matter.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 p.m.

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13. Next Commission meeting Thursday, April 6, 1978 1:30 P.M.
Room 300, 101 Grove Street

Agenda:
1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Discussion of changes proposed by Sup. Feinstein to amend the Biting Dog Ordinance (referred to ACWC by H&E Committee at request of ACWC chairman)
4. Discussion of proposed Ad Hoc Legislative Committee
5. Discussion of proposed ordinance to prohibit transportation of dogs on flat-bed open trucks in San Francisco
6. Discussion of proposed Speakers Panel

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SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel. No. 558-5775

Thursday, April 6, 1978 Room 300, 101 Grove Street 1:30 p.m.

Present: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Agenda:

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Animal Control & Welfare Commission
Meeting of April 6, 1978

PRESENT: Tonneson, Mahy, Radetich, Sarrett, Schwabacher, Levin, Burr, Kolster, Huttinger.

ABSENT: Hendricks, Hurley.

After reading of minutes, Mr. Methner asked if Officer Hurley had ever submitted his barking dog records to the Commission; the chairman reported he had not.

Radetich questioned passage last meeting of approval of SPCA budget on the basis of a lack of quorum. See footnote **

Chairman reported that the search for office space is still pending. It was reported that the Commission's budget for the current year is $8245.00.
Re: pitbull fighting reported at March meeting, Chairman Tonneson has written a letter to Chief Gain but received no reply to date.

A letter has gone from the Commission to Supervisor Feinstein indicating the Commission wishes to review all the animal ordinances; Supervisor Feinstein has replied she will welcome this but would oppose any "weakening" of the controls, and is disturbed at rumors she has heard that the Commission is considering doing so.

Commissioner Mahy remarked that the initial reason for establishing the Commission was for reasons of animal welfare. Commissioner Radetich stated that control is the overwhelming problem in the city.

A letter was read from a Joyce Tishler concerning complaints against the Oakland pound.

There was a discussion of the meeting of March 17 chaired by Harvey Milk on the subject of dog litter.

Regarding membership of an SPCA representative on the Commission, it was agreed the question of conflict of interest will require determination by the City Attorney's office.

At the request of Commissioner Mahy the Director of the Josephine Randall Junior Museum presented a rebuttal to charges of cruelty there brought by a Judith Whipple.

A complaint was presented to the Commission by a Patricia McWiggin regarding maintenance of a biting dog which is allowed to run free in the vicinity of 973½ Church Street and which has attacked her dog as well as various passers by. She stated she had obtained a civil judgment against the owner, Steve Bicknell, but that he was cited only for leash law violation. Mr. Avanzino stated it is not practical to station an animal control officer at the site

** ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER state that, unless otherwise specified, a Quorum shall contsitute a majority of (enrolled/appointed)members . Since our Membership was NINE when we considered the SF SPCA budget, the FIVE members present constituded a Quorum, as ruled by the Chair.

for as long as necessary to observe the animal in violation of the statutes. Commissioner Schwabacher agreed to send a health officer to the premises to see if there are more than the permitted number of dogs being kept there.

There followed a discussion of the proposed "biting dog" ordinance sent over from the Health & Environment Committee for the Commission's recommendations. Commissioner Schwabacher reported the figure on animal bites for 1977 was 1207 (all animals, not dogs only).

Mr. Avanzino reported 10-15 calls per day to the SPCA regarding dog bites, many of which are found to be not valid, and some of which are bites from strays. 179 dogs per year are quarantined, 120 as a result of reported bites. He felt that higher fines would not result in fewer bites. Commissioner Radetich disagreed, stating that a penalty is a deterrent.

After lengthy discussion the final decision of the Commission was to recommend as follows:

No change from proposed handling of first bite.

Second bite within a year, without provocation, to be a misdemeanor with fine of not less than $25 nor more than $500 and/or 6 months in jail.

Third bite within a year of second bite, a misdemeanor if unprovoked, fine to be not less than $50 nor more than $1000, and/or six months in jail.

The provisions of the proposal dealing with impoundment and possible destruction of the dog would remain unchanged.

An Ad Hoc Committee was established for the purpose of reviewing existing animal legislation and recommending possible changes which would simplify and/or clarify some of the ordinances. To be included was a proposal to ban the transporting of dogs in open trucks. Volunteers for the Committee were Commissioners Sarrett, Mahy and Kolster, and Mrs. Betty Rainsford.

The meeting adjourned at 5;05 pm.

NOTE: We have Florence to thank for these excellent minutes. Doris is still on disability leave of absence which may be extensive, so I've been handling as much of the clerical work as I can. I've also been trying to get temporary help, but this must first be approved by the Fiscal Policy Committee, which meets on May 1st. We do have two prospective temporary clerks -- Ms. Diane Walker and Mr. Chris White. Unless one of them has started work by the time we meet, maybe a few of you can help -- PLEASE!

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 4, 1978 -- ROOM 300, 101 Grove Street at 1:30 pm.

AGENDA

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1. Chairman's Report

2. Committee Reports

3. Pets Unlimited -- Presentation by Mrs. Susan Binder, Shelter Manager

4. Distribution of SFPD Animal Contol Report, prepared by Sgt. Ronald Vernalli (Requested by the Chair on 4-24-78 and subject to release by Chief Gain.)

5. Jarvis-Gann Contingency Plan -- PLEASE NOTE: The Mayor's Budget Analyst has recommended defunding the AC&WC.

6. Outline of proposed Speakers' Panel by the Chair for member's consideration. If approved, we could implement this as soon as we have someone in the office -- it will need careful administration.

7. New Business

NOTE: Minutes of our last meeting are attached.

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Animal Control & Welfare Commission
Meeting of May 4, 1978, 1:40 P.M.

Minutes

Present: Schwabacher, Kolster, Tonneson, Mahy, Hendricks, Hurley, Radetich, Sarrett.

Absent: Burr, Levin, Huttinger.

Minutes of the April meeting were read. Commissioner Schwabacher pointed out, with regard to SPCA statistics on dog bites, that the figure of 179 dogs quarantined represents those quarantined at the SPCA; that the actual total number of quarantines for 1977 was 1207; the discrepancy represents those animals quarantined at home.

Mr. Methner corrected the spelling of last month's complainant concerning a biting dog: from McWiggin to McGuignan.

Mr. Methner asked for confirmation of the statement that Officer Hurley's barking dog statistics were never submitted to the Commission. This was verified.

Except for these changes, the minutes were approved as read.

The Chairman then expressed thanks to Commissioners who have given assistance in the Commission office during the illness of Mrs. Cole, and introduced the new temporary clerk, Diane Walker. It was announced that Mrs. Cole is now at home after discharge from the hospital.

Outgoing correspondence was reviewed, including an April 24 letter to Chief Gain asking for copies of the Vernali report. One copy of this report has now been received as of May 1. The report will be duplicated by the secretary and sent to those Commissioners who still do not have copies. Mr. Schroeder requested a special hearing at the June meeting to hear public testimony and discuss the report. The Chairman will arrange for press invitations and will also invite Chief Gain to attend the June meeting. **Chair stated no need for a special meeting - regular Agenda will be restricted to this & poss. 1 other item.** On April 25 a letter was sent to Supervisor Feinstein opposing the defunding of the Commission in the event of passage of Jarvis-Gann. It was announced that the Rules Committee had suspended decision on this matter pending outcome of the election.

A copy of a letter from Supervisor Milk to Virginia Handley was mentioned, in which Supervisor Milk proposes to increase penalties for littering and to require dog owners to carry a container for litter. He also indicates he will try to increase the number of patrol officers and that a central office is needed for maximum efficiency, suggesting the Police Department as a possibility, but the SPCA to continue to handle sick and stray animals.

Letters of complaint were mentioned from a Mrs. Frederick Misewinkle on Turk Street re a barking dog, also a Joan Springson on Noe Street, and one from a Florence Murray on Pacific Street re litter. **These letters were referred to Officer Hurley for investigation/action.**

The Chairman will reply to a letter from a Morro Bay Committee on Action for Animal Rights, inquiring as to the procedures of the SFVMA spay/neuter **program, which is administered by the AC&WC.**

The SPCA "Education Package" was described.

Mr. Methner re-read his April 6 letter regarding a quorum, stating that 6 are needed. Commissioner Hendricks raised a point of order, that inasmuch as the Commission approved the March minutes at its April meeting, the proceedings were therefore confirmed as if all Commissioners had been present. The chair ruled that inasmuch as the Commission consisted of only 9 members in March, a quorum was present if only 5 members were in attendance. The matter was referred to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for research.

The Chair announced that the new "barking dog" ordinance had passed the Supervisors on the second reading, and that the "biting dog" ordinance was amended by them to provide a penalty of $25 on the first bite. Officer Hurley indicated there are reported approximately 10 second bites per month, and a number of third bites.

Officer Hurley announced that he now has a CETA assistant, a Bernard Jung, who takes calls at 553-1278, allowing Officer Hurley approximately two more hours per day in the field.

Mr. Methner requested that the Public Relations Committee advise newspapers as to the requirements of dog ownership. **Chair advised experience of great difficulty in having such material printed -- it's not "news".**

Mr. Schroeder pointed out that if $100,500 is the present police budget on animal control, and that if Captain Taylor is correct that in one month there had been two police citations, the figure per citation would work out to $4,187.50.

Mr. AVanzino stated the SPCA figure for second bites is about 120 per year, and suggested the figures should be made public to show the present trend toward a reduction in the incidence of dog bites since 1974.

Commissioner Sarrett suggested the Health Department records be changed to make a distinction between bites dog-to-dog and dog-to human. Commissioner Schwabacher will furnish the secretary with Health Department bite records.

Commissioner Radetich moved, and it was seconded and passed, that the Commission review the statistics before they are released to the press.

Adenda Item No. 3. The Chair introduced Sue Binder of Pets Unlimited, who reported on the present situation at that shelter. The problem of noise abatement there is still in litigation and Pets Unlimited is at present not permitted to conduct shelter operations there, only the hospital. Commissioner Many moved, and it was seconded and passed that the Commission go on record with a letter of commendation to the Board of Directors of Pets Unlimited, emphasizing that they are a community asset rather than a nuisance.

Mr. Schroeder announced that by tradition, dog license No. 1 is always issued to the City Assessor, and suggested that the Commission ask for the number to be reserved and auctioned or raffled as a means of raising funds for the Commission.

Commissioner Sarrett suggested that if license fees are to be raised again, owners be granted the revocable privilege of walking their dogs off lead.

Commissioner Hendricks agreed to accept the Public Relations assignment, and moved that the Commission write a strong letter to Supervisor Feinstein protesting the fact that the Vernali report was not submitted to the Commission before its submission to the Supervisors. The Chair announced that Mr. Boreman, the Clerk of the Board, has promised to send animal related matters to the Commission before they are referred to committee.

Agenda Item No. 5. Jarvis-Gann Initiative. It was determined that no action should be taken at present in view of the Rules Committee's decision to defer its consideration of defunding the Commission pending the outcome of the election. Mrs. Rainsford informed the Commission that Supervisor Milk has sent to the City Attorney for drafting a proposal which would eliminate the Commission, which she estimated would reach the Health & Environment Committee within two months. The Commission will send a letter to Supervisor Milk asking for a copy of his recommendations, asking his reasons for putting them forward, and stating the reasons for retaining the Commission. Commissioner Hendricks suggested sending copies to all Supervisors.

Mr. Schroeder stated that in view of Jarvis Gann the Commission should have a contingency plan of its own. Commissioner Mahy suggested the commission could go back to the method of operation which obtained before the Commission was funded; or it could operate at a lower budget by eliminating its secretary and office expense; Mrs. Rainsford suggested that since money given to the government is tax deductible, donations might be raised to maintain the Commission; Mr. Methner suggested asking Senior Centers for volunteers; Commissioner Tonneson suggested raising license fees by 25¢ which would be sufficient to cover clerical expenses. Mr. Schroeder pointed out that if the Vernali recommendations are implemented, licenses would go to $48.

Agenda Item No. 6. A discussion was held regarding a proposed Speaker's Panel to address neighborhood groups, outlining the purpose of the Commission, the ordinances and their penalties, what animal welfare services are available to the public, plus any special knowledge of the speaker, e.g., cat care, dog training, etc. Each member volunteering would agree to be available one evening per month and the Commission would write the neighborhood groups offering a speaker. Commissioner Radetich recommended that guidelines be drawn up specifying the content of discussions to be held, and will draw up such proposed guidelines after members have submitted suggestions to him.

Mr. Schroeder expressed opposition to such a panel on the ground that the Commission would lose face thereby, and that the public should come to it. **Chair responded AC&WC is concerned with public education and should gain face by liason with neighborhood groups.**

New Business: Commissioner Mahy described SB 2151, which proposes loans to general purpose units of local government for spay/neuter clinics and other purposes. The loan could not exceed $200,000 nor 20 years, and may establish maximum fees which could be charged. Action on this was referred to the Welfare Committee.

By-Laws Revision: It was suggested that the Commission's by-laws be revised. The matter was referred to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee.

Licensing of Cats: Commissioner Schwabacher advocated this, stating it is an injustice to dogs to require them to be licensed while cats are not. Commissioner Sarrett expressed the opinion such a measure would be unenforceable.

Zoo: Commissioner Hendricks stated the Commission must concern itself with any inhumanity existing at the San Francisco Zoo. It was concluded that the Commission must have specific complaints before it can investigate matters there. A joint meeting with the Recreation/Park Department on the subject was suggested, also a letter to them with pictures of existing problem situations,with copies to the SPCA for investigation. The Chair requested Mr. Schroeder to ask Mr. and Mrs. Soo Hoo to provide pictures on matters complained of. Mr. Schroeder suggested a separate committee of 3 Commissioners on zoo matters; no action. **Chair pointed out that Welfare Committee was qualified to handle initial complaints.**

Change of time and place of Commission meetings: Commissioner Hendricks suggested neighborhood and/or Saturday or evening meetings as a means of outreach to the public. No action.

Mr. Schroeder suggested the Commission recognize the SPCA's Open House to be held May 5 by sending them a telegram of congratulation and commendation on their 110 years of service to San Francisco animals, and offered to pay the cost of such a telegram. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Commission do so.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION
101 Grove Street, Room 115-B, San Francisco, Ca. 94102
Tel. No. 558-5775

Thursday, June 1, 1978 Room 300, 101 Grove Street 1:30 P.M.

Present: Animal Control & Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Draft Animal Control Report - SFPD File C1462, prepared by Sgt. Ron Vernali
4. Speakers' Panel--Presentation of coordinated guidelines by Commissioner Radetich for approval
5. New Business

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 1, 1978 - ROOM 300, 101 GROVE ST AT 1:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Report

2. Committee Reports (EXCLUSIVE of any recommendations on Item 3)

3. Draft Animal Control Report - SFPD File C1462, prepared by Sgt. Ron Vernali:

   Order:

   a) Chair's request for certain clarification
   b) Enforcement Committee's comments/recommendations
   c) Welfare Committee's comments/recommendations
   d) Questions/comments of individual members
   e) Public testimony - sign-up sheet

   NOTE: If many wish to speak, Chair will restrict presentations to 10 minutes for persons <u>representing</u> an organization; 5 minutes for other citizens.

   BOTH CHIEF GAIN AND SGT. VERNALI HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

4. Speakers' Panel -- Presentation of coordinated guidelines by Commissioner Radetich for approval

5. New Business

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ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE COMMISSION
Meeting of June 1, 1978

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioners Kolster, Mahy, Tonneson, Radetich, Burr, Hurley, Hendricks, Huttinger, Sarrett.

ABSENT: Commissioners Levin, Schwabacher.

The meeting came to order at 1:45 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and amended to show the appointment of Commissioners Radetich and Hendricks to the Enforcement Committee; otherwise the minutes were approved.

The Chairman announced there was still a problem regarding office space. Commissioner Mahy will continue trying to obtain permission to retain present office space.

Correspondence for the month was reviewed, including a recommendation by Supervisor Harvey Milk to abolish the Commission in light of impending Jarvis Gann amendment, and because he feels it has been ineffective in the past and believes there should be a separate departmental office to initiate programs and work with the SPCA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Enforcement: Commissioner Hurley presented statistics of his activities during the preceding months. With regard to barking dog problems, he stated it is the feeling that his time is more usefully spent handling these complaints than if they were referred to individual stations, thus relieving other officers for urgent duties.

Mr. Finn, a member of the public, stated his belief that every police officer could and should cite for infractions, and stated that a noise ordinance is already on the books. He questioned the statistics without follow-up of complaints received.

Welfare: Commissioner Mahy reported on the Welfare Committee meeting of May 12, which recommended a letter to be addressed to the Committee on Humane Legislation regarding a pending bill for loans to local government entities, for the purpose of establishing spay/neuter clinics.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - VERNALI REPORT

The Chairman asked what period of time was taken to prepare the Vernali report. Commissioner Hurley stated six or seven months. Cost of report was full time of Sergeant Vernali for that period, plus some time spent by Officer Hurley. Commissioner Mahy stated it was the recommendation of the Welfare Commission that the Police Department not implement the report nor spend further time on such a study.

Testimony was invited from the public and the following persons were heard: Winifred Sullivan, Jules Waters, Mary Childs, Kathleen Archibald, Fred Methner, Betty Rainsford, James Schroeder, Mr. Finn, Virginia Hanley, Gladys Sargent, Richard Avanzino, Beverly Willoughby. Except for Fred Methner, all speakers opposed implementation of the Vernali plan.

Commissioners then discussed the report. Commissioner Hendricks asked the SPCA representative if they were suggesting that the SPCA should be the only agency, with no police animal control unit. In the absence of Mr. Avanzino, Mrs. Fichtel stated they supported the police animal control unit, but that the SPCA needed more funding to carry out the city's requirements, and that better funding is the only answer to improvement in the animal control problem.

Commissioner Radetich stated that the Vernali report is the only document the Commission has, and that he would like to see some alternatives to the report.

Commissioner Kolster commented that data processing of license information, as recommended in the Vernali report, would be desirable.

Commissioner Hendricks remarked that the report if taken as a research study was not an adequate one, failing in accuracy of its data, and stated she felt it was unfortunate that it had been undertaken by the Police Department.

It was moved and seconded that the Commission go on record with the recommendation that the Police Department undertake no further research into animal control and that the Commission support the SPCA as the Animal Control Officer of choice in San Francisco. Commissioner Huttinger abstaining,Officer Hurley opposed, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Speakers' Panel: Commissioner Radetich announced that only two letters had been received containing suggested guidelines for the panel. He suggested that dates and location of meetings to be addressed by speakers should be on record at the Commission office in advance of the dates when the speakers will appear. Such a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened discussion as to the status of the Commission after Jarvis Gann, and informed the Commission she had sent a

letter to Supervisor Feinstein asking that the Commission be continued, and if defunded, that it not be abolished but remain on a voluntary basis. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that a letter go to the Supervisors requesting that if Proposition 13 passes, the Commission be allowed to establish alternative methods of continuing.

Commissioner Hendricks commented that the general impression of the Animal C&W Commission is that it is ineffectual, has no authority and has made no accomplishments in its history. She moved a letter be sent to Ed Fleishell of San Franciscans for a Cleaner City asking why his committee has chosen to bypass the Commission in its recommendations regarding dog litter. The motion was seconded and passed, Commissioner Hurley opposed.

Commissioner Mahy commented that Supervisor Milk's proposal to abolish the Animal Control & Welfare Commission would result in a paid bureaucracy being substituted for voluntary citizen participation in the form of the ACWC. It was moved, seconded and passed that Mr. Mahy would draft a letter to Supervisor Milk to that effect.

Mr. Schroeder was recognized and announced that Dog License No. 1 had been issued to Mrs. Russ Wolden, and that he had been told by the Tax Collector's office that renewals had been sent out prior to June 1 in order to take advantage of the postal rate which was due to increase on the first of June. It was decided that the Commission would write Mrs. Wolden asking her to surrender license No. 1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thursday, July 6, 1978 Room 300, 101 Grove Street 1:30 PM

Present: Animal Control & Welfare Commission

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report
2. Committee Reports - Enforcement/Welfare/AD Hoc Legislature & PR
3. Discussion of Alternate modes of funding & operation following defunding under Proposition 13
4. New Business

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